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Little was sacred when President Obama tossed out playful but pointed jokes Saturday night.

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USCIS: 2015 CW cap hinges on US Labor decision, consultation

By HAIDEE V. EUGENIO
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REPORTER

Only after U.S. Labor Secretary Thomas Perez grants an extension of the Commonwealth-only worker program beyond Dec. 31, 2014, will the U.S. Department of Homeland Security start consulting with other federal agencies and Gov. Eloy S. Inos to determine the cap on the number of foreign workers for fiscal year 2015, an official with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services told a U.S. House subcommittee with oversight on the CNMI and other insular areas. Without an extension, the number of CW foreign workers will be immediately zeroed out after 2014.

If the CW program is extended, the

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Lazaro is AG's Cup champion

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From right, Attorney General Joey San Nicolas, Mount Carmel School's Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro, Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja, and Chief Justice Alexandro Castro pose for a photo after Lazaro was named champion of the 30th annual AG's Cup Speech Competition.

» MCS wins 16th competition in 30 year history

By THOMAS MANGLONA II
CORRESPONDENT

TINIAN—Maria Fe Andrea M. Lazaro, a junior at Mount Carmel School, added another feather to the school's cap after being hailed as the champion of the 30th Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition on Friday at the Tinian High School cafeteria.

She, along with five other high school students, answered the competition's question, "How should the federal government address the CNRA's requirement that the temporary worker population in the Commonwealth be eliminated?"

Lazaro, 17, said that people easily forget that the topic is fundamentally about people.

"It is not about aliens, it's not about immigrants, it's not even about that elusive term 'indigenous'—it's about human beings," she told the panel of nine judges. "Many CW workers have lived and worked here with their families for 10, 15, 20 or more years. My own parents have given their blood, sweat, and tears here for 26 long years. In other parts of the country, five years of legal work is all they would have needed for

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USGS says possible undersea volcano eruption near Pajaros

The U.S. Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory has been keeping a close eye on an undersea volcano in the CNMI that has been showing signs of activity in recent days.

According to a weekly summary issued by the Observatory, recent seismic activity "almost certainly herald an eruption."

According to the U.S. Geological Survey report, seismometers on the islands record high levels of seismicity and the most likely source of the volcanic activ-

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HOTDOG CHOMPERS

Contestants in the hotdog eating competition of the 16th Taste of the Marianas chow down on every bit of bread and hotdog for a chance to win first, second, and third place prizes on Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

JAYSON CAMACHO

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Customs revamp separates tax assessment, inspections

» As 11 completes 2nd cycle of basic customs training

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson, Labor Secretary Edith DeLeon Guerrero, Customs director Joe Mafnas and lawmakers pose for a group photo with the 11 Division of Customs Services personnel and Workforce Investment Agency trainees that completed the second cycle of basic customs training, during a ceremony on Capital Hill Friday.

The Division of Customs Services began last week its organizational restructuring by separating tax assessment functions from that of container and luggage inspections at ports of entries to further "beef up" its operations, even as Gov. Eloy S. Inos commended the division not only for its successful interception of illegal or undeclared goods entering the CNMI but also for its continuing training of new and longtime personnel.

"The restructuring will further beef up the operations and will make the services more efficient—both in revenue collection and enforcement of laws against contrabands. It is really working right now. We've been testing this [restructuring] for a long time and we've finally done it," Customs director Joe Mafnas told *Saipan Tribune* on Capital Hill.

On Friday morning, the governor and the Customs director, along with Finance Secretary Larrisa Larson and lawmakers, presented certificates of completion to 11 new and longtime customs personnel for undergoing the second cycle of basic customs training.

The governor himself said he was once a customs officer in the "early '70s" during Trust Territory days.

Inos said customs operations have since drastically changed in function and operations, citing that nowadays, customs personnel are more trained and more equipped than their predecessors of decades ago.

"I'm really proud to see a group of professionals like you all out there. The uniform that you wear has significance and I would like to ask that you uphold the duty that you've taken oath of office for and our administration—I'm sure [also] the other members of the Legislature who are here today—will continue to provide the kind of support that you need to do your job," Inos said at the training graduation ceremony at the governor's office.

One of the 11 that completed the second cycle of basic customs training, 46-year-old customs inspector Benusto Lifoifoi Piteg, said the eight-week training was "very educational."

While the father of three has been with the Division of Customs for almost eight years now, he said the training taught him more—from tax assessment to review of importation documents, container inspections, postal inspection, and learning more about regulations and laws.

Customs inspector Jay S. Torres, the youngest to complete the second cycle of basic customs training at 21, described it as a "very informative" eight-week classroom setting and on-the-job training. Torres has been with Customs for only six months.

After completing the training, he said he came out as a better prepared and equipped customs inspector.

Torres said it's always been his dreams to work as a law enforcement officer, coming from a family of law enforcement personnel.

The Customs director said of the 11 who completed the training, four are from the Workforce Investment Agency, one new employee, and the remaining six have been with Customs for years.

Wearing two hats

The Division of Customs, one of the agencies under the Department of Finance, assesses excise taxes on incoming goods, inspects containers and packages at the seaport, airport, and post office, and runs the K9 facility or the drug-detector dog training facility, among other things.

Mafnas said the division still performs a dual function, but to make the operations more efficient, they have separated the two functions wherein customs personnel tasked to do tax assessments will focus on such responsibility while those assigned to inspection duties will concentrate on that function.

Inos also cited recent successful interceptions of illegal items and undeclared goods at ports of entry.

"I can say that you folks are really doing a good job and you ought to be commended for those, for doing the kind of job that you do to protect our Commonwealth community," the governor said.

The governor also acknowledged the Division of Customs Services' role as the "first line of defense in our port of entry," along with the Division of Quarantine and other agencies.

"As the economy grows and more investments pour into the CNMI, your responsibility becomes ever greater. …There will be instances where things will slip through occasionally, but as long as we do our job, I think we can give our people the level of comfort that we're out there to protect their welfare and their livelihood," the governor said.

In an interview later, the governor said there's "definitely" going to be additional hiring of customs personnel, given the major developments coming up such as the construction of new hotels and that means "lots of importation activities." He said this means more personnel needed to inspect cargo and assess taxes, among other things.

One new hotel will be built in Marpi, and another one in San Antonio. A 2,000-room casino resort facility is also expected to be built on Saipan. Other existing hotels are also renovating or expanding their facilities, as tourism picks up once again.

Customs has at least 47 employees, including the director.

The Customs director recently reported that its tax collections grew by $3 million during the first six months of fiscal year 2014 compared to the same period in 2013. He attributed it mainly to vigilance and proper enforcement of tax laws

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Quichocho seeks new trial in Kim's lawsuit

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A jury trial in federal court in businesswoman Jung Ja Kim's racketeering lawsuit against lawyer Ramon K. Quichocho, his wife, and his law firm lasted for almost two months. Now Quichocho wants the court to hold a new trial.

Quichocho and his counsel, Michael Dotts, has asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI on Friday to issue a judgment that favors them, notwithstanding the verdict.

Quichocho and Dotts said that Kim failed to present any evidence pertaining to money laundering or wire fraud.

Furthermore, Quichocho and Dotts said, Kim failed to show a pattern of racketeering activity.

In the alternative, the Quichochos requested the court for a new trial based on juror misconduct.

The two lawyers said a new trial is warranted because at least three of the jurors gave untruthful information during jury *voir dire*.

Through *voir dire* an attorney can challenge a prospective juror for cause if that person says or otherwise expresses bias against the lawyer's case.

In this case, Quichocho and Dotts said, there is no question that the jurors in question were dishonest.

The jurors, the lawyers said, did not disclose that he/she had known at least two of their witnesses.

"It cannot seriously be argued that a juror's disclosure that her car had been repossessed by one of defendants' expert witnesses, or that she is bitter toward one of defendants' expert witnesses, or that he has a close relationship to one of defendants' expert witnesses, would not have given defendants' counsel a valid basis to challenge that juror for cause, whether or not the trial court might ultimately have granted that challenge had the juror answered truthfully," they said.

The jury selection began on Feb. 3 and continued on Feb. 4, 2014.

The nine jurors reached a unanimous verdict on March 28, 2014, their sixth day of deliberations, holding Quichocho, his wife Frances, his law firm, and their company Karissa LLC liable to pay $2.4 million in damages to Kim, who sued them for racketeering and other claims.

The jury, however, found Kim liable to pay Quichocho and his law firm $48,221.67 in legal fees.

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VOLCANO

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ity is the Ahyi seamount, which is about 20 km southeast of Farallon de Pajaros.

"The seismic signals almost certainly herald an eruption. In fact, submarine explosions were heard by scuba divers who are conducting coral reef research in the area. The divers even felt the shock waves from the explosions, and one of the most powerful ones reverberated through the hull of the NOAA base ship, *Hi'ialakai*, leading the crew to think something had happened to the ship. Shipboard personnel also reported a large sulfur slick on the southeast coastline of Farallon de Pajaros.

"Unfortunately, the ship had to leave the area under threat of an advancing typhoon. If they can get back to the vicinity soon, they may be able to investigate the source of the explosions with great caution, keeping in close contact with U.S. Geological Survey and CNMI emergency management personnel, who are monitoring the seismicity.

"The CNMI emergency management office and the volcano observatories of the USGS have been working together for over 30 years to establish volcano monitoring networks and assess volcanic hazards in the Mariana Islands.

"The most likely source of the current activity is Ahyi seamount, about 20 km southeast of Farallon de Pajaros. Ahyi rises to within 64 m (210 ft) of the ocean surface and is associated with several reports of possible eruptions in historical times, the most recent in 2001.

"Interspersed among the volcanoes that rise above sea level to form the NMI are many submarine volcanoes. Together, the islands and submarine volcanoes form the Mariana arc, a classic example of an island arc. These arcs, such as the Aleutians and the Japanese archipelago, are formed at subduction zones—boundaries where one tectonic plate plunges beneath another.

"Reports of discolored water throughout the Mariana arc are common, indicating that the NMI may experience frequent submarine eruptions. A dramatic, recent example is the 2010 eruption of South Sarigan seamount, which sent an eruption plume up to 12 km (40,000 ft) above sea level.

"The plume intersected many commercial air traffic routes, raising concern that the abrasive ash fragments could damage aircraft or even stall their engines. In addition, the eruption posed a potential hazard to ocean-going vessels, as it produced a large area of discolored water, possibly including a raft of pumice—a type of rock that can be produced in explosive volcanic eruptions. A recent submarine eruption of Havre seamount north of New Zealand in 2012 created a 20,000 square-kilometer (7,700 sq-mi) raft of pumice—about twice the area of the island of Hawaii!—that eventually spread to about 4 million square-kilometers (1.5 million sq-mi) as it broke up.

"Pumice can float because it's basically a type of foam—filled with gas bubbles encased in quickly cooled lava—which makes it less dense than the ocean water.

"It's possible, but not certain, that the current unrest near Ahyi seamount will escalate into a vigorous eruption, with the creation of pumice rafts, and even an explosive eruption column rising above sea level. If this happens, there are further possible threats of local disturbances of the water column that could result in local tsunami and ash fallout from the eruption plume." ***(USGS)***

Happy anniversary to Grandpa and Grandma Calvo. We love you!
CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

LAZARO

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permanent residency or a green card. But not here. Not now. Not them. This is wrong."

Lazaro took the position of not extending the Commonwealth Worker permit program. Instead, she said, the federal government should improve the immigration status of all CW workers as part of a broader immigration reform package that grants them interstate mobility.

"We must give CW workers the same freedom that CNMI residents have had for over two decades; the freedom to choose whether to stay here or to seek opportunity elsewhere in the nation."

She noted that the federal government needs to focus on a broader immigration reform and pass U.S. Senate Bill 744, the Border Security, Economic Opportunity, and Immigration Modernization Act of 2013. This, she said, will pave the way to citizenship for all immigrants—including CW permit holders.

She added that if such a thing were to happen, it will help the economy and address the cultural anxiety among Chamorros and Carolinians.

"Giving the workers the freedom to choose to stay or leave is the right and moral and ethical thing to do," she said.

Lazaro, whose parents are CW workers, said that her parents and other immigrants deserve to be treated as human beings.

In a later interview with the *Saipan Tribune*, Lazaro said that winning was "absolutely fantastic, it is a phenomenal feeling." She attributed her success to her school, coaches, and classmates who helped her form her speech.

"We started preparing three months before the competition and I am glad this team effort and all the work paid off," she said.

Lazaro is the daughter of Leandro O. and Ma. Christina M. Lazaro.

This is Mount Carmel School's 12th consecutive win in the annual speech tilt and its 16th win in the entire competition's history. School president and speech coach Galvin Deleon Guerrero has successfully molded several students over the past decades and has proven that MCS is the team to beat every year.

Guerrero said this year's competition was different from previous years. "What is more important than winning was the story and message the students had. The topic transcended the competition and meant something to a lot of people," he said. "Every year it gets harder and harder. Everyone has great delivery, content, and organization."

Attorney General Joey San Nicolas said he was very impressed with the level of research the students presented and how deep the arguments were.

"Every year it is a different issue and I know this will have an impact in our economy and life. We all should sit down and listen to what they have to say," he said.

Marianas High School's Matthew Lopez garnered second place and third place went to Katrina Cruz from Saipan Southern High School. Marianas Baptist Academy's Mina Ito, Tinian High School's Kyle Sanbergen, and Kagman High School's Lou Shrine Guevarra also participated in Friday's competition.

Students said that the topic was personal to them and that the competition was more than just about delivering the perfect speech. "It is about voicing our opinions," Lopez, a senior at MHS, said.

Cruz, for her part, said that she is satisfied with her win and is glad that she could present her views to leaders who attended the competition.

"I have friends at school who are children of CW workers and I understand how important this issue is," she said.

The students were judged based on the content of their speech, presentation, clarity, and their ability to convince competition.

Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider, Sen. Francisco Borja, Lucy Blanco-Maratita, representing the Mayor of Tinian, Attorney General Joey San Nicolas, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja, retired presiding judge Edward Manibusan, former associate judge Herbert Soll, and former attorney general Pamela Brown served as judges for the competition.

Adding meaning to this year's AG's Cup competition was the presence of former Marianas Political Status Commission vice chair Vicente N. Santos. Santos urged the panel of judges, politicians, and the audience to start working together, instead of separately from each other to address immigration issues. He said that leaders "are not making the right decisions with immigration and have been procrastinating." He added that the CNMI should train its youth to create a sufficient workforce.

Plaques of recognition were also presented to private sector organizations supporting the competition and individuals who made the event on Tinian a success.

Participants were treated to a lunch at Tinian's Taga Beach after the conclusion of the competition and later participated in a one-hour tour of the island led by Mayor's Office chief of staff Don Farrell.

This is the second time the competition was hosted on Tinian. It was last held there in 2005.

Last Friday's AG's Cup speeches will be aired on PBS Guam, channel 12, on May 25 in its entirety.

USCIS

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new cap will still be less than the current limit of 14,000, although with enough wiggle room to meet the labor needs of an expanding CNMI economy.

"USCIS is awaiting the Secretary of Labor's decision whether to extend the Transitional Worker program before determining the number for [fiscal year] 2015. As such, DHS is providing extensions of status and grants of new transitional worker status until the Dec. 31, 2014, current sunset date of the program," USCIS Honolulu district director David Gulick told the U.S. House Subcommittee on Fisheries, Wildlife, Oceans and Insular Areas in testifying last week on H.R. 4296.

The bill, authored by Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), seeks to extend the CW program by five years or up to 2019, among other things.

Inos said as of last week, he has not heard from the U.S. Department of Labor any decision on the requested CW extension. The governor plans to write a follow-up letter on his request to extend the program that allows the CNMI to have continued access to some 10,000 foreign workers.

Gulick said once the U.S. Labor secretary announces his decision, DHS will consult with the U.S. Department of Labor, the Department of Justice, the Department of the Interior, and the CNMI Governor's Office "before announcing the fiscal year 2015 numerical limitation for transitional workers."

In fiscal year 2013, DHS set a numerical limit of 15,000 CW-1s. This went down by only 6.66-percent or to 14,000 in 2014, close to Inos' request of 14,100.

Gulick said USCIS approved CW status for 10,071 beneficiaries of petitions in fiscal year 2013.

Thus far in fiscal year 2014, USCIS has approved CW status for 4,052 beneficiaries, he said.

The U.S. Labor secretary has until July 4—some five months before the program's expiration—to decide whether to grant an extension of the CW program.

Inos said the CNMI's growing tourism industry demands a steady stream of workers. Two new hotels will be built in San Antonio and Marpi. Another major development on the horizon is at least a 2,000-room casino resort on Saipan. Right now, the U.S. labor pool in the CNMI is not enough to address the needs of the present economy, especially when it further expands. But the CNMI has continued to train and place U.S. workers in the workforce.

Options

Sablan expressed his frustration with the mixed signals that the U.S. Labor has been giving, causing further uncertainty among CNMI employers and employees.

Besides an administrative decision from the U.S. Labor secretary, the CNMI is also looking at a CW extension through legislation such as Sablan's HR 4296.

The governor said employers can also look into petitioning their workers for H visas.

Gulick, in his testimony to the subcommittee, said USCIS has received 228 petitions for H-1B and three petitions for H-2B status filed by CNMI employers since the transition period started in November 2009.

U.S. Public Law 110-229 provided an exemption to the cap on H-2B and H-1B nonimmigrant workers for work performed in Guam and the CNMI.

But that cap exemption is scheduled to end also on Dec. 31, 2014, under the law.

"Unlike the CNMI CW Transitional Worker Program, the U.S. Secretary of Labor does not have authority under the CNRA to extend the H-2B and H-1B cap exemptions administratively. H.R. 4296 would extend these exemptions until Dec. 31, 2019," Gulick said without taking a position on the bill, just like other federal agencies that testified.

Sablan said over the weekend that the number of foreign workers has already gone from about 22,000 in the last year the CNMI ran the immigration system to 10,071 under federal control.

"And even if the transition period is extended, the number of workers allowed still has to go down every year. Another important reason to keep the transition period is the training fees it generates. $1.3 million went to the Public School System, Northern Marianas College, and the Northern Marianas Training Institute last year alone to train local workers for jobs in our economy. If the transition ends this year, those training funds disappear," Sablan said.

Asylum, 'credible fear' claims

While aliens in the CNMI are not eligible to apply for asylum until Jan. 1, 2015, Gulick said that DHS remains responsible for screening certain aliens applying for admission who express a fear of return to their home countries.

In his testimony before the U.S. House subcommittee, Gulick said although such individuals cannot seek asylum, the credible fear process provides a threshold screening for certain forms of protection that are not barred such as withholding of removal and protection under the Convention Against Torture.

"From the start of the transition period in November 2009 through the second quarter of [fiscal year] 2014, a total of nine individuals made credible fear claims in NMI, two of whom later withdrew their claims," Gulick said.

Sablan's HR 4296 seeks to extend the CNMI's exemption from accepting asylum applications. Like Sablan, the CNMI governor is also hoping that the asylum application exemption will be extended, citing its negative impact on an existing lucrative program allowing Chinese tourists to enter the CNMI without a U.S. visa.

Gulick said some additional technical clarification of congressional intention on the important matter about the asylum application bar would be helpful as the bill proceeds in the legislative process.

"Under current law, and consistent with U.S. treaty obligations, aliens subject to removal from the CNMI could continue to seek withholding or deferral of removal because of threat of persecution or torture in their home countries," the USCIS official added.

H.R. 4296 also extends the CNMI E-2 nonimmigrant investor program beyond Dec. 31, 2014.

Gulick said USCIS has so far granted CNMI investor status to 261 individuals.

THE CNMI Public School System would like to inform the parents of our public school students and incoming students, as well as the general public that there is a scheduled general registration for Saipan public elementary, middle and high schools.

The registration will begin on May 12 and will continue through June 30, 2014. Everyone is encouraged to participate in the registration process by visiting our public schools. For more information and inquiries you can call the numbers assigned from the respective schools.

Head Start registration ongoing throughout the centers. Please call the numbers 664 -3769/3751/68 for the registration process and additional information.

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Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 237-3121
664-3400

- Capitol Hill (Northwest of Egigi Dr.)
- Sadog Tasi
- As Mahetok
- Tanapag
- San Roque
- Achugao
- As Matuis

Kagman Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 664-3911/12/13
237-3921

- Papago (North of Botanical Garden)
- Kagman
- As Teo
- Capitol Hill (Northeast of Egigi Dr.)

San Vicente Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 237-3791
664-3981

- San Vicente (Isa Drive)
- Airport Road (Chalan Tun Herman Pan)
- As Lito (Chalan Msgr. Martinez)
- Papago (Up to Botanical Garden/ on Isa Drive)
- Fina Sisu
- Dandan (Dandan Road)
- Lower Dandan (Java Joe's up to San Vicente Elem. School)

Koblerville Elementary School (K-5)

Tel. No.: 237-3621
664-3961

- Koblerville
- As Gonno
- San Antonio
- Afetna
- South Guili Street & Alu Drive

Garapan Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-3341
664-3951

- Gualo Rai to Shell Puerto Rico (Chalan Pale Arnold Highway to Baranka Lane)
- China Town
- Lower & Upper Navy Hill
- Garapan Beach Road Area up to Marianas Eye Institute (Gualo Rai Road)

Oleai Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-3501
664-3942

- South of Gualo Rai Road
- Chalan Kiya (Golf Course)
- Kannat Tabla
- As Terlaje
- Falughulo
- San Jose
- Susupe (North of Sarawi Blvd.)

William S. Reyes Elementary School (K-6)

Tel. No.: 237-3542
664-3971

- Chalan Kanoa/ Chalan Piao
- North of Guili Road (DPA Car Mart)
- Susupe (South of Sarawi Blvd.)
- As Perdido
- South Side of Fina Sisu Road (Highway 306)

Tanapag Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 237-3161/4
664-3425

- Capitol Hill (Northwest of Egigi Dr.)
- Sadog Tasi
- Tanapag
- As Mahetok
- San Roque
- Achugao
- As Matuis

Chacha Oceanview Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 664-4100
237-3921

- North of Ton Bako or Nan Ocha' Store
- Papago (North of Botanical Garden)
- Kagman
- As Teo
- Capitol Hill (Northeast of Egigi Dr.)

Dandan Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 237-3662
664-5025

- Dandan
- Lower Dandan
- San Vicente
- Airport Road
- Aslito (North of SIS)
- Papago (Up to Botanical Garden)

San Antonio Middle School (6-8)

Tel. No.: 237-3582
664-3930

- Guili Street South (DPA Car Mart in Chalan Piao)
- Alu Drive
- Koblerville

Hopwood Jr. High School (7-8)

Tel. No.: 664-5079

- As Lito (South of Saipan International School)
- As Terlaje
- As Perdido
- Chalan Laulau Beach Rd.
- Chalan Kanoa
- Chalan Kiya
- Chalan Laulau
- Chalan Piao
- China Town
- Finasisu
- Garapan
- Gualo Rai
- Kannat Tabla
- Lower Navy Hill
- Middle Road
- Navy Hill
- Quarter Master
- Puerto Rico (South of Baranka Lane - Shell Gas Station)
- Sado Tasi
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Marianas High School (9-12)

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- Kannat Tabla
- Chalan Kiya
- Garapan
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- Gualo Rai
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- Papago
- Tanapag
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532-9521

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Fitial pleads not guilty

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REPORTER

Former governor Benigno R. Fitial entered Friday a not-guilty plea to all 10 criminal charges filed against him by the CNMI government in Superior Court.

At his arraignment at 9:30am, Fitial, through counsel Stephen Nutting, waived the reading of the information and advisement of his constitutional rights. He pleaded not guilty.

Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman set a case management conference on either July 8 or 9, 2014.

Office of the Public Auditor legal counsel George L. Hasselback filed the charges on Thursday on behalf of the CNMI government.

The information charged the 68-year-old Fitial with one count of solicitation of escape, five counts of misconduct in public office, one count of conspiracy to commit escape, one count of use of public position to obtain benefits for business or social acquaintances, one count of conspiracy to commit theft of services, and one count of theft of services.

The charges were related to the unauthorized release of a federal inmate, award of a sole-source American Recovery and Reinvestment Act contract, and shielding of former attorney general Edward T. Buckingham from being served with penal summons.

Wiseman set two dates for the case management conference because the case has been assigned to Associate Judge Teresa Kim-Tenorio, who on Friday was off-island.

Fitial

If Kim-Tenorio recuses herself, Wiseman said the matter may fall back to him and that he will hold the conference on July 9 at 1:30pm.

Nutting recommended a July date for the status conference because Fitial will have returned to the CNMI by then.

Nutting said Fitial does not need to personally attend the case management conference. Hasselback agreed that he does not see the need for the former governor to attend the conference.

Wiseman agreed.

Before entering the not-guilty plea, Nutting made an oral motion to dismiss the information.

Nutting stated that they're very troubled because some of the charges in the information were outside from the original charges in the arrest warrant.

Nutting said it is a standing argument that Commonwealth law agrees that OPA gives the Public Auditor the authority to file criminal charges against the governor and the AG—only those two persons.

At this point in time, Nutting said, charges were never filed against the governor as Fitial "was the governor."

"And so from our perspective, the statute precludes them from being able to bring charges against him," the lawyer pointed out.

Hasselback said that at the time of the violations, Fitial was the governor.

"He's the governor when he committed the alleged violations," Hasselback said, that's why there is a statute of limitations in filing charges.

Wiseman said that Friday's hearing was an arraignment. He ordered Nutting to file a written motion and Hasselback to reply, then the court will set a hearing for that.

After the hearing, Fitial walked outside the courtroom aided by a cane and his wife, Josie.

The courtroom was jam-packed again with his relatives, supporters, and friends. But unlike his first court appearance last Wednesday, there were enough space to fit in the crowd on Friday.

Fitial again refused to talk to reporters about the charges.

He said he's going back to the Philippines on Wednesday because he has to talk to his rehabilitation doctor. Fitial said since he came back to Saipan, he just stayed at his house, meeting some relatives and friends.

When asked if he and Gov. Eloy S. Inos have already met, Fitial said, "Not yet." When pressed whether he wants to talk to Inos, he replied, "It depends."

In an interview with reporters, Nutting said they will file a written motion to dismiss at the end of next week. Nutting said he did not expect Wiseman to rule on their oral motion Friday morning.

"We're fairly confident that the statute is very, very clear, that the public auditor has the right to bring charges against the governor. Benigno Fitial is not our governor at this point," he said.

As to the 10 charges, Nutting said his client had just entered a not-guilty plea so they don't want to talk too much about the case at this juncture. Nutting, however, stressed that they will defend against the charges vigorously.

If Kim-Tenorio opts to handle the case, Nutting said he does not know if they will move for her recusal as he and Fitial have not discussed the issue yet.

Kim-Tenorio used to serve as legal counsel for the lieutenant governor's office during the Fitial administration.

When asked whether the issue in their motion to dismiss was already ruled by the court in the case against former attorney general Edward Buckingham, Nutting said it is completely different circumstances as in that case, the judge disqualified the AG from representing Buckingham.

Nutting said it's for obvious reason as the AG appeared at the arraignment on behalf of one of criminal defendants.

"When you're doing that, it is very difficult to prosecute that defendant at the same time. So that is obvious grounds for disqualification," he said.

Nutting said Fitial has never appeared in this proceeding without anyone other than him.

"So those grounds don't exist today," he added.

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WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines 2014-2015

On March 7, 2014, a notice was issued announcing the new WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines that was published in the Federal Register on March 5, 2014. The adjusted income eligibility guidelines are used by State agencies in determining the income eligibility of persons applying to participate in the WIC Program. **The CNMI WIC Program will be implementing the new guidelines effective May 1, 2014.** So please check to see if you now qualify.

To be eligible on the basis of income, applicants' gross income (i.e. before taxes are withheld) must fall at or below 185 percent of the U.S. Poverty Income Guidelines (see below).

WIC Income Eligibility Guidelines
(Effective from May 1, 2014 to April 30, 2015)

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Household Size	Annual	Monthly	Twice-Monthly	Bi-Weekly	Weekly
1	$21,590	$1,800	$900	$831	$416
2	29,101	2,426	1,213	1,120	560
3	36,612	3,051	1,526	1,409	705
4	44,123	3,677	1,839	1,698	849
5	51,634	4,303	2,152	1,986	993
6	59,145	4,929	2,465	2,275	1,138
7	66,656	5,555	2,778	2,564	1,282
8	74,167	6,181	3,091	2,853	1,427
Each Add'l Member Add	+$7,511	+$626	+$313	+$289	+$145

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
CPA-RFP-008-14

The Commonwealth Ports Authority (CPA), a public corporation of the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, hereby request for proposals to lease and/or develop the following properties:

1. Lot Number 090 E 03; containing an area of approximately 3,562 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As Is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area
2. Lot Number 090 E 02; containing an area of approximately 1,958 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area
3. Lot Number 062 E 03; containing an area of approximately 1,725 square meters; with improvement thereon ("As Is"); situated at the Port of Saipan area

Proposal requirements can be picked up at the Office of the Executive Director, 2nd floor, Arrival Terminal Building, at the Francisco C. Ada/Saipan International Airport beginning April 30, 2014, between 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. For additional information, contact the Enforcement/Lease Compliance Officer at (670) 237-6500. Interested parties are encouraged to make arrangements to visit the sites listed above.

All proposals shall be sealed and marked on the cover package outside as follows: "Proposals to Lease and/or Develop CPA Property CPA-RFP-008-14". Proposers shall submit one (1) original and two (2) copies of its proposal no later than **4:30 p.m. on May 30, 2014.**

CPA reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted for: (a) any of the reasons set forth in the CPA Procurement Rules and Regulations regarding bid rejection or cancellation; or (b) sufficient justification exists that awarding the project contract would not be in the best interest of CPA. CPA further reserves the right to waive any defects in said proposals if in its sole opinion to do so would be in CPA's best interest.

/s/ MARYANN Q. LIZAMA
Executive Director

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High hopes for $30M deposit deadline

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REPORTER

It's a make or break deadline today, but Gov. Eloy S. Inos has high hopes that the two applicants for a license to exclusively develop a minimum $2 billion casino resort on Saipan will be able to submit today their respective business plan and make a $30 million deposit each in escrow for further consideration of their proposals.

The $30 million deposit, representing a two-year advance business license fee, will guarantee the restoration of retirees' 25-percent pension cut.

Inos said Friday his administration will announce whether any such business plan is submitted and deposit made, like when they announced two applications submitted on deadline last April 21.

Today, the four-member Lottery Commission led by Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar will hold another meeting to, among other things, see if the commission would be ready to hire a gaming consultant and a casino investigator as a result of two separate requests for proposal issued.

"It's their show; they've got to do what they have to do. I will probably ask questions as to how they're doing. We're trying to get the investigators on board, as well as the gaming consultant on board," the governor told reporters on Friday. Inos did not attend Thursday's meeting of the Lottery Commission.

He said the gaming consultant who will be hired would "help out in writing the casino regulations," while the investigator will "help facilitate the decision as to which proposal best fits the Commonwealth model."

The two Saipan casino applicants are Marianas Stars Entertainment, and Best Sunshine International Ltd.

For decades, casino gaming has been legal only on Tinian and Rota. But the Senate's passage of a House Saipan casino bill after years of killing any such legislation paved the way for legalization of casino gaming on the island.

Charter Day committee extends deadline for competitions

The Northern Marianas College Charter Day Committee has extended the deadline for those interested in participating in the Charter Day competitions: Marianas Idol, Battle of the Bands, and the Hilux Truck and Sport Compact Car Show. The new deadline to submit registration forms has been extended to Monday May 12, 2014.

The Charter Day celebration will be held on Friday, May 16, 2014, at the NMC field from 5pm to 10pm. The event will showcase various programs celebrating employee and student achievement, and featuring great entertainment. Delicious food, drinks, and games will also be offered for sale by numerous vendors.

The registration fee to compete in the car show is $25. Auditions for the Battle of the Bands will take place on May 12, 2014, and Marianas Idol will be on May 13, 2014. The auditions will be held in the Student Center, Building J at the As Terlaje campus from 4pm to 6pm.

Registration forms for the car show and competitions may be picked up at the NMC Student Center (Building J), or can be downloaded at www.marianas.edu. For additional information, contact Queanna Sablan at 234-5498 Ext. 6790 or email queanna.sablan@marianas.edu. ***(NMC)***

NMC

Marianas Idol contestant Leonard Manuel performs at NMC's Charter Day celebration last year.

PROCUREMENT AND SUPPLY
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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
RFP NO.: RFP14-DPS/BMV-098

SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 30, 2014
TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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/S/ JAMES C. DELEON GUERRERO
COMMISSIONER OF DPS

/S/ HERMAN S. SABLAN
DIRECTOR, P&S

Procurement And Supply
CNMI Government

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

RFP NO.: RFP14-CHCC-097
SUBMISSION/OPENING DATE: MAY 28, 2014 TIME: 2:00 P.M.

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The scope of work is available on or after April 28, 2014 at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at Lower Base Drive during regular working hours.

Questions regarding this project may be submitted to ms. Esther I. Muna, CEO-CHCC via e-mail to esther.muna@dph.gov.mp no later than the close of business, May 16, 2014.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, the Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC) Board of Directors, through its Chairwoman of the Board, is hereby giving notice that the Regular Meeting of the Board is scheduled on Thursday, May 8, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. at the NMHC's Tinian Field Office, San Jose, Tinian. The public is welcome to submit written or oral comments regarding the agenda below. Individuals interested in attending the meeting and needing special accommodations are requested to contact NMHC in advance.

I. PRELIMARY MATTERS
a. Call to Order
b. Roll Call
c. Adoption of Agenda
d. Adoption of Minutes
i. April 23, 2014 Special Board Meeting Minutes

II. PUBLIC COMMENTS

III. NEW BUSINESS
a. Update on CDBG Matters
1. On-going Projects
b. Update on Program and Housing Division Matters
c. Update on Mortgage & Credit Division Matters
1. Loan Revision Requests
2. Loans for Approval

IV. FIELD OFFICE REPORTS
a. Rota Field Office
b. Tinian Field Office

V. OLD BUSINESS
a. Update on Housing Expo
b. Fiscal Division Assessment
c. FY 2013 Audit Update

VI. FISCAL AFFAIRS
a. FY 2015 Budget Amendment
b. Open Interest-Bearing Account

VII. LEGAL COUNSEL'S PENDING/ONGOING REPORT

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

IX. OTHER MATTERS

X. ADJOURNMENT

(Note: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session.)

/s/MARCIE M. TOMOKANE
Chairwoman of the Board

Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

May 5, 2006

After 57 years, father returns to look for son's gravesite

After 50 years, 86-year-old U.S. Navy veteran Toribio Trevias is back on Saipan. This time, his purpose is intensely personal, something very close to his heart. It's something that he wants to fulfill before he breathes his last. Trevias, despite the need to stay home due to his chronic heart illness, braved the long trip from California to Saipan two Sunday's ago for a special purpose: to visit the grave of his son, Kenneth B.C. Trevias, who died a day after he was born on Jan. 23, 1956, on Saipan. His goal was to gather his son's bones, possibly have them cremated, and bring whatever is left to San Pedro, California, where he lives.

'Govt lawyer needed to screen labor complaints'

Department of Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas has underscored the need to get an additional government lawyer whose sole purpose is just to review labor complaints. San Nicolas, in an interview with the Saipan Tribune, said that, in changing the regulations governing the issuance of memorandum to seek temporary employment, he wants an additional assistant attorney general who will look into the labor complaints and decide whether or not they warrant further investigation. "By doing that, we can at that stage…refuse to issue memorandums [to seek temporary employment]. But again, we need a trained attorney who understands labor laws and the legal issues surrounding the issuance of memorandums and temporary work authorizations," he said.

May 5, 2007

NMI awaits copy of draft immigration bill

As of middle of this week, no copy of the draft federal immigration bill has been sent to the Executive Branch, according to Gov. Benigno R. Fitial. Based on the original plan, the Office of Insular Affairs was to submit the bill to the Senate by April 30. Fitial said that Insular Affairs deputy assistant secretary David B. Cohen promised him that he would see a copy of it before its submission to U.S. Congress. "I was told in March by [Cohen] that he had been tasked by the Senate Committee staff to prepare a bill federalizing the Commonwealth's immigration laws. He reported that his deadline was April 30 and that he would submit a draft for our review before submitting it to the committee. That deadline has been moved to May 5. I am still hopeful that he will honor his commitment to solicit our comment and allow the CNMI to fully participate in discussion on this federal policy issue," said Fitial in his remarks during the Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting this week.

DPW says it is working on Rota dialysis project

The Department of Public Works says it is working slowly but surely on the Rota dialysis treatment project. DPW Secretary Jose S. Demapan has assured Rota Sen. Paul A. Manglona that his department continues to work on the dialysis building, which has been allocated funding since 2002. However, DPW wants to proceed with care to ensure its experience with the hemodialysis center on Saipan is not repeated.

May 5, 2008

Litigation still an option

A lawsuit against the U.S. government remains one of the Fitial administration's options for a response to the imminent "federalization" of the CNMI's immigration control. Gov. Benigno R. Fitial in his State of the Commonwealth Address Friday cited three courses of action which he said the Commonwealth can pursue: litigation, negotiations regarding the regulations, or seeking amendments to the legislation now awaiting the president's signature. "I am in the process of consulting with the Legislature, the business community, the indigenous community, and other interested parties about these options," said Fitial.

Agencies prodded to implement renewable energy law

A legislative committee has prodded concerned agencies on the implementation of the green energy law. Rep. Tina Sablan, chairwoman of the Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications Committee of the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation, sent out letters to six agencies tasked with implementing the Commonwealth's renewable energy law. She asked each agency about its progress toward meeting the intent of the legislation.

Senate OKs CUC security deposit refund bill, other measures

» Senators also confirm governor's CDA board appointee

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The Senate passed during its Tinian session on Friday a bill requiring the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. to refund—after one year—the security deposit of its commercial and residential customers that timely pay their utility bills in full. It was among the at least 10 bills that senators passed on Friday, along with the confirmation of the governor's appointee to the Commonwealth Development Authority board of directors, Matthew O. Deleon Guerrero, representing Saipan.

Senate Bill 18-39, Senate Draft 1, which now goes to the House for action, also prohibits CUC from requiring new residential customers to pay a security deposit based on the utility consumption of previous homeowners or renters.

The bill, authored by Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), ensures that CUC does not collect more than $300 in residential security deposit. However, such security deposit "may" be adjusted by averaging the new customer's utility consumption for the next three months.

If and when the bill passes the House and becomes law, CUC commercial and residential customers will be required to pledge only a month's worth of security deposit for their accounts, instead of the current two.

Under the bill, which the Senate Committee on Public Utilities, Transportation and Communications recommended for passage in the form of Senate Draft 1, all commercial and residential security deposits shall be refunded "one year after the payment of the security deposit with earned interest if the customer timely paid their utility bills in full during the one-year period or any one-year period thereafter."

It also says customers shall receive the refunds "within 30 days" of the effective date of the bill becoming law.

The Senate also passed Sen. Paul Manglona's (Ind-Rota) SB 18-47, establishing a CNMI Civilian Volunteer Police Reserve to provide additional manpower for crime suppression and for the preservation of law and order. The bill also now goes to the House for action.

Senators also passed House Bill 18-140, giving the Commonwealth Office of Transit Authority the power to adopt rules and regulations in furtherance of its duties. They also passed HB 18-144, HS1, reducing the number of members of the Commonwealth Transportation Advisory Board from 10 to six.

Also passed were HB 18-151, HS1, providing the Commonwealth Public Utilities Commission with the authority to require management audits of regulated entities, and HB 18-153 reducing the insurance requirement for shooting ranges from $5 million to $1 million to address an oversight, among other things.

Judge: Storeowner's motion vs Quichocho unnecessary

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REPORTER

The federal court has ruled that it is unnecessary for a storeowner to file a motion for the court to continue to retain jurisdiction over a lawsuit filed by the late William A. Tracy until the attorney's fee involving lawyer Ramon Quichohco is resolved.

In an order on Friday, U.S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona said she had ordered the payment of attorney's fees and therefore has ancillary jurisdiction to effectuate that decree.

Manglona said this was not a case that the court dismissed (due to a settlement agreement) without ever issuing any order with respect to that agreement.

"But in any event, jurisdiction to enforce the fee award is retained," the judge said in a short order.

Attorney Mark A. Scoggins, counsel for Ming Yang Corp. that owns Ming Yang Market, filed a request in court on Thursday for the court to retain jurisdiction over the case until the fee issue is resolved.

Scoggins said their office sent on April 11 a bill to Quichocho for legal fees amounting to $1,200 for six hours of work.

Scoggins said on the day of the deadline last April 25, Quichocho sent a message notifying him that the amount was disputed.

Tracy, through Quichocho, had filed a lawsuit against several businesses on Saipan, including Ming Yang Corp., for allegedly having facilities that are not accessible to persons with disabilities. Tracy was reportedly found dead last Feb. 7.

In March, Manglona granted Quichocho's oral motion to dismiss Tracy's lawsuit.

Manglona stated that the court would be retaining jurisdiction solely to enforce a prior court order on the sanctions imposed against Quichocho. Once the sanctions issue is resolved, the case shall be fully closed, the judge said.

On March 6, Manglona sanctioned Quichocho for his late filing of Tracy's opposition to a motion to dismiss the lawsuit. The judge ordered Quichocho to pay for their time all four lawyers who appeared in court at that time in preparation for the argument in their motion to dismiss. She required Quichocho to pay these costs personally and that he not charge his client, Tracy.

Quichocho later informed the court that Tracy had been found dead on Feb. 7 but that he actually passed away before that date.

Attorneys Mark Scoggins, Linn Asper, and Samuel Mok, respective counsels for Ming Yang Corp. that owns Ming Yang Market and New Ming Yang Market, Donald Bufton who owns Round II, and DKK Inc. that owns D.K. Poker, and P&A Corp. that owns P&A Laundry, moved the court to dismiss the case.

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NOTICE OF AUCTION

The Northern Marianas Housing Corporation (NMHC), as auctioneer and seller, hereby gives notice that all the rights, title and interests of NMHC in and to the following described real property will be sold at auction:

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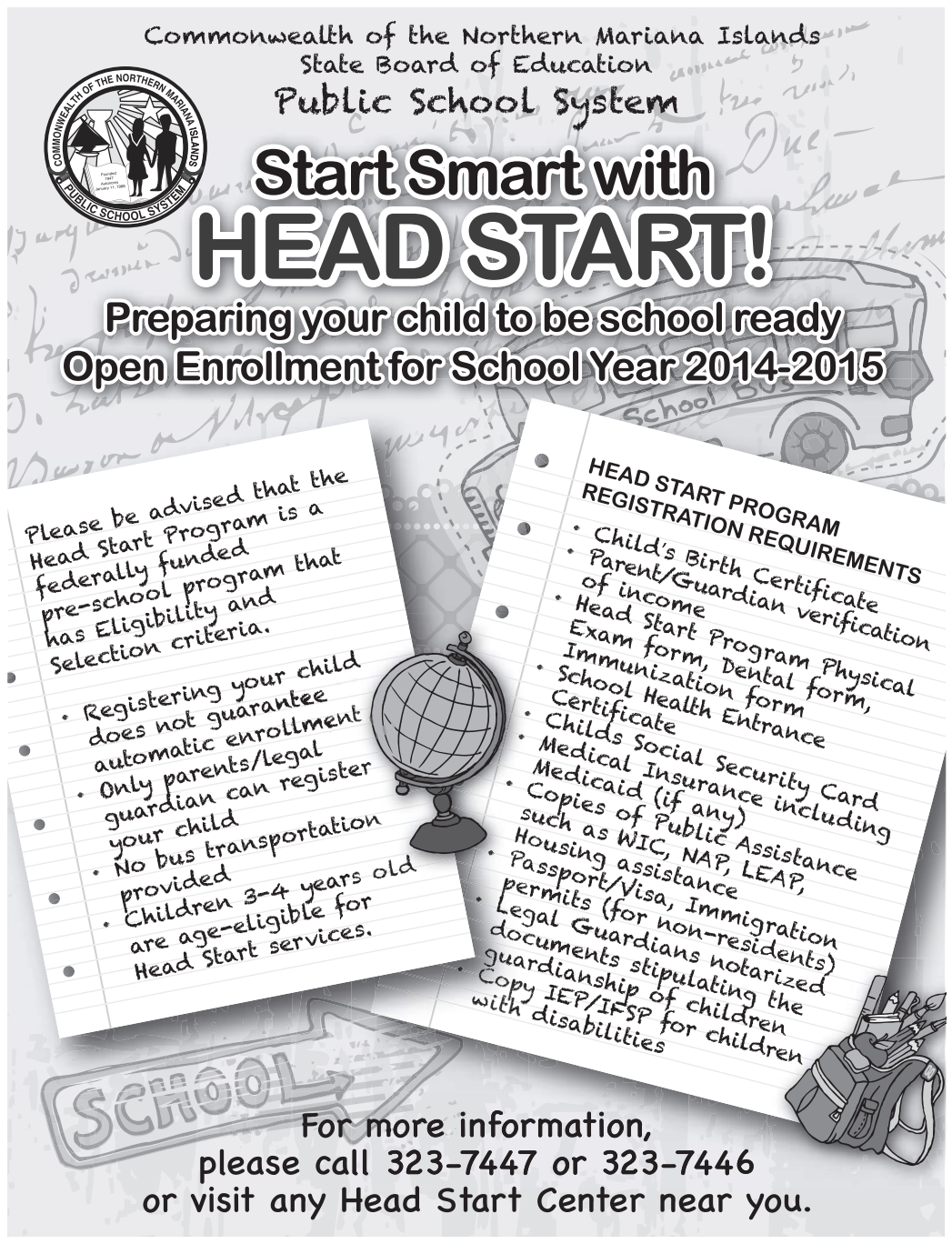
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EDITORIAL

Court ruling provides EPA with legal backing to fight climate change

The Supreme Court decision handing the Environmental Protection Agency an important clean air victory Tuesday was refreshing in every sense of the word.

The court's 6-2 ruling upheld the EPA's authority to limit power-plant emissions that blow across state lines. It's a crucial step forward for President Barack Obama's effort to improve the air quality of states downwind from polluting coal-fired plants.

Better still, the ruling sets the stage for the EPA's new climate change regulations, which are expected to be released in June.

Critics argue that the rules will be just one more attempt to reduce the nation's reliance on its 600 coal-fired power plants. They're right. The sooner the better.

Power plants estimate the costs of implementing the EPA rule at about $800 million a year. But emissions from burning coal force states to spend tens of billions of dollars every year in health and environmental costs.

The court's ruling, in effect, says power plants in 28 states in the East, Midwest and South have a responsibility to reduce the sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide pollution that goes into the air and drifts to other states.

Downwind cities and states have argued for years that pollution from coal-fired plants outside their jurisdictions has prevented them from meeting air pollution standards. The court validated this claim, laying to rest the contention that the EPA had placed an unfair economic burden on polluters.

Coal-fired plants are the single largest source of the nation's carbon emissions, responsible for about 40 percent of the total.

The president ordered the EPA last year to issue new regulations to fight global warming this June. He has confidence that this nation's innovators can find ways to make cleaner, renewable sources of energy more practical and affordable, and so do we. The Supreme Court ruling provides the legal backing needed to move forward.

The EPA is expected to direct states to craft their own plans for meeting clean air standards. That could include reducing energy demand by requiring greener buildings and implementing more cap and trade programs like California's. And thanks to the court, the EPA and downwind states will have leverage to force power plants to take responsibility for their emissions.

President Obama recognizes the obligation to fight global warming for the sake of future generations—and perhaps even our own: The latest peril disclosed this week is growing acidity in the world's oceans, harming sea creatures in a food chain.

The fear has been that a divided Congress and a right-leaning Supreme Court would prevent the president and the EPA from acting to curb pollution. The court laid that notion to rest Tuesday. Now it's up to the EPA to set effective regulations that spur innovation to meet our energy needs without destroying our world.

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Cinco de Mayo

By JAIME VERGARA
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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It is not Mexico's Independence Day. That's Sept. 16. The Shout *(grito)* of Dolores came from a small town on Sept. 16, 1810, that began the Mexican War of Independence against Spain by a *pronunciamiento* from a Catholic priest Miguel Hidalgo.

Mexico's state of Puebla celebrates *Cinco de Mayo*, the date when outnumbered Mexican soldiers won over French forces at the Battle of Puebla on May 5, 1862, but now observed north of the Rio Grande for the cause of democracy and freedom to mark the early years of the American Civil War.

When I first went to Chicago in 1965, the signage in the city was only in English. A decade later, Spanish was added. I spent one summer up and down California where the word "Chicano" entered my vocabulary. Filipinos joined Mexican workers and Cesar Chavez in organizing farm laborers particularly by the cabbages and the grapes.

In Helena, Montana in the late '70s, I was surprised to find Hispanics in the city. I, of course, simply assumed that they came up north for the agricultural work until my traveling colleague told me that New Spain used to stretch from the Cordilleras del Sierra Madre to the Columbian Bitterfoot Mountains that traverse the U.S.-Canadian border. Many "Hispanics" west of the Mississippi and along the Missouri Rivers are native to the area, having shared fluids with the residents before European settlers rolled covered wagons westward.

In Texas, I watched public *baile folklorico* performances and *mariachi* bands, displayed with much pride by the MejicoTejas population. Commerce took it around the world to promote Mexican products and culture. *Cinco de Mayo* is widely known as Mexico's face to the world, though nationally downplayed by Mexico other than the state of Puebla.

While in Texas as a student, I did not have much chance to cross the Rio Grande to Matamoros or Juarez, Mexicali or Tijuana, though the names were familiar to my ears. Later, while visiting Brownsville, a gringo colleague and I went across the border for lunch. It took me six hours to get back across the border as the guard tried to determine whether I was a legitimate green-card holder rather than a Filipino trying to slip through the border, a rather not uncommon occurrence, I was told. In a three-piece business suit, I unfortunately fitted the "profile." Profiling is not a new practice.

In spite of NAFTA (North American Free Trade Alliance) that loosened up relationship between the United States, Canada, and Mexico, the seasonal wetback traffic across the Rio to staff agricultural manual labor in the U.S. led to the construction of "the border fence" 670 miles long so far with 700 more to go, from Pacific Baja California to the Gulf of Mexico. The completed phase is a single layer fence and the second will be two layers, with increased frequency of border patrols. We exploit Mexico's labor but will treat them as neighbors if they stay on their side of the border. Canada is a different story. Crossing is a breeze save for the Frenchies on each side who thinks they should be another country!

Mejicanos in the tri-country alliance are the exploited poor cousins. To be sure, *Cinco de Mayo* is celebrated in the major cities of Canada, and is now officially a state holiday in some States of the Union; the Chicano vote is a formidable force, voting Obama over Romney into a second term. Spanish in America's signage is, however, still looked at by purists as threatening the Atlantic seaboard mindset of English-only US of A!

In the 21st century, to be monolingual is a liability. The advent of second languages in America is rapid; same around the world with English, as it remains the language of transportation and banking, commerce and trade. But more than just the practicality of fluency in two languages, the skill's learning affect the brain cells considerably. And brain cells from we as a specie and individually have a lot to spare. The efficacy of language learning is not in translating a "foreign" language into one's native tongue, as it is the ability to enter the symbol systems of one separate from the other.

Basically a phonetic language, English requires hearing sounds first. One watches body language, recognizes tones and intonations, before it encounters the written word. Use determines meaning. The same is true in *Zhonghua* but Chinese evolved highly abstracted characters turning pictographs into ideograms, deciphered and memorized in the learning. Hanyu Pinyin's four-toned phonetic evolution has gained ground and new characters simplify the process. But to teach Chinese students oral English by having them read and memorize words is not very effective.

The United States' appropriation of all the ethnic symbols, native as well as migrant, to its shores positions it not as the melting pot of integration where the traditions of the British Isles lord it over the upstarts but as a mosaic of varied hues of colors and tones denoting *vive la difference.* Cinco de Mayo is a vanguard to that end.

Federal government stupidity

By JOHN S. DELROSARIO JR.
Special to the Saipan Tribune

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Most folks struggle daily to make ends meet right in the middle of increases by a whopping 20 percent in the cost of living. The pile of increases slams home, quickly derailing what's left in family pocketbooks while salaries remain the same for over 10 years.

Appalling that it's business as usual for the "walking dead" on the hill. But then legislators rake in $90,000 annually, thus the obvious grand sense of apathy of what goes on in the villages. Now, let's switch screens and peep what a certain national columnist calls "Federal Stupidity."

Appalling, though how the federal government has run amok on matters such as landownership that was never authorized under the U.S. Constitution. Here are some more pointed out by Daniel Mitchell, author and commentator of national issues:

"Doing interviews at a per person cost of $6,000 on erectile dysfunction and stick the tab on us.

"Yearlong sting operations by federal milk police officers.

"Rules harassing coffee shops all over for allowing bikini-clad sales staff.

"OSHA requirements for expensive safety harnesses for people working 11 feet off the ground.

"But we also have really absurd examples of wasteful spending.

"Forcing taxpayers to pay millions of dollars for pro-Obamacare and pro-IRS propaganda.

"Giving disability benefits to a grown man who wants to wear diapers and live as an 'adult baby.'

"Squandering $400K on experimental underwear, one that detects cigarette smoke.

"Paying 35 times the market price for some Kindles.

"A $100,000 library grant to a city without a library.

"Throwing $100 million in the garbage by subsidizing leftist bureaucracy in Paris that advocates for higher taxes in the United States.

"We even have examples of government stupidity that can be characterized as a combination of wasteful spending and foolish regulation. It deals of government squandering money on research about how to encourage condom use by providing prophylactics of different sizes. The other part of the government has regulations preventing the private sector from providing prophylactics of different sizes.

"These could win a prize for the most profound and disturbing example of government stupidity. It mixes foolish red tape with over-the-top political correctness. The grand stupidity is Obamacare where you're forced to pay higher premiums than what you had paid under a previous privately run health insurance policy."

Local version of stupidity

The CNMI isn't absolved or free from its own version of stupidity repeating the same failed paradigms. Here goes:

■ Policymakers approved casino as a grand excuse to cushion the Fund that is basically broke. What is it about the decision of "we the people" who shot down casino twice that you don't understand? Why do you think "we the people" took it away from your disposition? "We the people" did it for a reason while you settled for sheer oxymoronic stupidity!

■ Legislators attended a lofty conference on power generation. They end up attending a gay marriage ceremony. They returned with the resolve to buy their own bread on future junkets south of the equator. But our power bills are still the same, yeah? What brilliance in stupidity!

■ Reps. Felicidad Ogumuro, Janet Maratita and Sen. Jovita Taimanao recently all took junkets to the U.S., fully paid for by taxpayers for some disoriented mission only they know about. Junket trips in the middle of a huge bankruptcy? Call it royal stupidity. Eh, we weren't born yesterday, *lai*!

■ Another junket to Guam by legislators on liquefied natural gas that would cost Guam taxpayers the initial fee of about $800 million. It's just $200 million less than GovGuam's current deficit of over a billion dollars. Are we ready to pile more debt on top of our $1.2 billion cumulative deficit? What did we the taxpayers miss in this incongruity and stupidity?

■ My kanaka braddah once slammed, "Eh, you think you smart, I smart too braddah!" But do we need to kill casino on Rota and Tinian via our ill-conceived Saipan "Cash-It-Now?"

■ We've made advances in farming—export of cattle—to Guam. Will this include veggies when Guam has its own farmers who provide real time fresh products?

■ Kilili failed the people on two fronts: Woefully expensive health premiums from Obamacare and his pathway to citizenship. One is familial economic annihilation the other eventual political marginalization. *Halo*? Use of coconuts a must on these issues Kilili, *sayu*?

■ There's CUC pushing the envelope on solar and geothermal energy. Why push it when it's clear neither could be hooked to the power grid? Fletcher and disoriented cabal ought to scribble the following on their tombstone: "The surgery is successful but the patient died." *Sus! Dalai `ste!*

Call it hopelessness in shallowness using Chamorro logic—where everything is illogical—is a forte and trophy confirming affinity with stupidity!

Critical fiscal issues

Policymakers from both sides of the street must address and resolve funding issues for the "essential departments"—CHC, PSS, and DPS. It's difficult navigating the balance of $90 million after you set aside $50 million for the settlement fund.

Throw in payment for CUC's court-ordered fine of $64 million, $13 million to DB members' interests on their contributions; $700 million in unfunded liability of the Fund; $200 million-plus for the impending bond; and other steep obligations. The most critical question is whether our illustrious and esteemed officials have the coconuts to do the thing right by doing it right.

For those of us outside the square of lunacy, we all know the answer and won't even blink imposing what must be done right forthwith. Eh, maybe it's just as good a time to fold our empty rice sacks so we could collect mushy coconuts from the hill.

Buy fresh, buy local!

First of a five-part series

By RAMON BLAS CAMACHO
Special to the Saipan Tribune

Ramon Blas Camacho is president of the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Association and chairman of the 2014 Saipan Agriculture Fair. This column was submitted celebration of Saipan's 31st Agriculture Fair.

Last year, the Sabalu Farmers Association, Inc. was privileged to spearhead a leadership role that helped shape the direction for building the capacity of our local farmers to establish, form, operate, and manage a farmer cooperative entity, one that is beneficial to farmers, residents, off-island visitors and guests, and ultimately the local economy. The success of the farmers association would not be possible without our close working partnership with the Northern Marianas College CREES, the Office of Insular Affairs under the U.S. Department of the Interior, the CNMI Department of Commerce, and the Office of the CNMI Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan.

This year, as it was last year, we, the local farmers are thankful to our loyal resident and visitor customers who stay proud by joining thousand others embrace our *Buy Fresh, Buy Local* Campaign at the Sabalu (Saturday) Day Market, the Tuesday Night Market, and the weekly Evening Public Market every Thursday, and their patronage daily of our local retail outlets on Saipan.

This month, our collaborative leadership effort, which dated back to the February 2009 Agriculture Summit held at the Saipan World Resort, will soon bear fruits in the opening of the first Garapan Public Market located at Fishing Base. The Garapan Public Market offers a modern facility located along the Beach Road waterfront that will provide farmers and other local producers an important outlet to market their fresh produce, fresh catch, locally made value-added agricultural products and other local fresh products where buyers and other consumers will find local and fresh off-the-land produce and products and fresh off-the-water catch and marine products at a centrally located market.

The Garapan Public Market is an outgrowth of the Sabalu day market and the Tuesday night market combined and soon will serve the community daily as a waterfront island market place. The first Garapan public market itself symbolizes success, and bodes well for the success of local farmers and other local producers benefiting not just the local producers but the local consumers too.

As local farmers, we owe much of this success to the invaluable assistance rendered by the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the office of our local delegate to the U.S. Congress. With the success of local farmers this year brings a rippling success to our local community too, and in a special way the year 2014 marks an extraordinary chapter in my role as chairman of the Saipan Agriculture Fair, now in my fourth term. As the current chairman of the Saipan and Northern Islands Municipal Council, this year is special because it marks the beginning of my term as one of the founding members of a newly established CNMI Farmers Cooperative Association and current president of the Saipan Sabalu Farmers Association; my eighth year with the Farm Service Agency County Committee; and my 11th year as a farmer and member of the Commonwealth farming community.

To be continued

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CNMI economic initiative and our cash crop

The sale of marijuana is already a cash crop and now it is a new legal industry that is on the horizon for those who don't understand what is really happening. The sale of illegal drugs has created an illegal industry and the only real countermeasure to killing the illegal industry of pot sales is to legalize it, making it work to our advantage. Hard drugs like ice, cocaine, and heroin are man-made but pot is really a natural herb, not a drug, grows freely, and can never be eradicated. Are we supposed to chase pot growers and sellers forever or learn how to live with it and turn it into our cash crop? I'm just glad that voters are starting to realize that legalizing marijuana as our cash crop is far better than a casino. We don't have a casino but we do have marijuana in our society so let's deal with it!

Anyone worried about a tourist renting a car smoking pot and driving recklessly obviously doesn't understand the effects of smoking pot as most people who smoke become more careful when driving as people have been known to get tickets going too slow while on pot. Alcohol destroys your equilibrium for driving, not pot. We also don't have to worry about vegetable growers everywhere selling pot as the CNMI's operation will be run by the government and grown on government-sponsored farm lots by a selected list of farmers and the sales will be conducted at state stores on all three islands. The CNMI's government operation will be controlled much better and more profitable than Colorado and Washington who only collect taxes.

I will be the first to say there will be some isolated circumstances of youths doing something stupid in the first 100 days before they are educated like the fourth grader in Colorado who took pot to school to sell. We now know that this child was an exception who really didn't understand the passage of the legalization law in Colorado. This single rare incident among millions of students is clear proof that we don't have to worry about our youth. I also hear some locals refer to the people in the states who did legalize marijuana as being idiot hippies but their statement really reflects an old-fashioned, outdated view of people who smoke pot. FYI, the majority of hippies, which started among college students, went on to become public leaders, attorneys, congresspersons, stars, and professionals in many fields. Time does not take us backwards but forward and nothing remains the same so we know it is just a matter of time before the entire world legalizes marijuana as it has started successfully in America—the world's leader in change and improvements.

As for the Commonwealth-wide economic initiative, it was authored by a real economist in collaboration with people in the community for the purpose of fixing our economy. It is truly an initiative of, for, and by the people. The economic initiative does more than legalize marijuana. It also forces the government to expedite the creation of a ferry service as a form of public transportation like the city buses. It forces the government to finally look for investors and build the cultural center like Hawaii that will double as a convention venue improving on Hawaii's concept. It also removes the poker machines to arcades in Garapan and/or La Fiesta and it creates an elected economic advisory board with economists and/or business people to govern over the economy, not our politicians.

Get educated on marijuana reform and sign both of the Initiatives that Legalize-It.. See you in Kagman at the petition signing station Monday to Friday, from 4pm to 6pm, and Saturday, all day.

Ambrose M. Bennett
Kagman, Saipan

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The Weather

5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.	Partly cloudy with isolated showers.
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Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thundershowers	▲85	▼78
Palau	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Yap	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼81
Chuuk	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼80
Pohnpei	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Kosrae	Thunderstorms	▲83	▼79
Majuro	Thunderstorms	▲84	▼80

Around The Globe

Auckland	Mostly Sunny	▲63	▼52
Beijing	Sunny	▲82	▼53
Hong Kong	Mostly Sunny	▲77	▼71
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲81	▼70
London	Showers	▲64	▼47
Los Angeles	Sunny	▲91	▼65
Manila	Thundershowers	▲92	▼78
Melbourne	Rain	▲64	▼49
Miami	Partly Cloudy	▲86	▼77
New York	Showers	▲49	▼46
Osaka	Rain	▲65	▼61
Paris	Mostly Cloudy	▲63	▼47
Pusan	Showers	▲62	▼56
Rome	Showers	▲66	▼51
Salem	Partly Cloudy	▲77	▼48
San Francisco	Sunny	▲74	▼56
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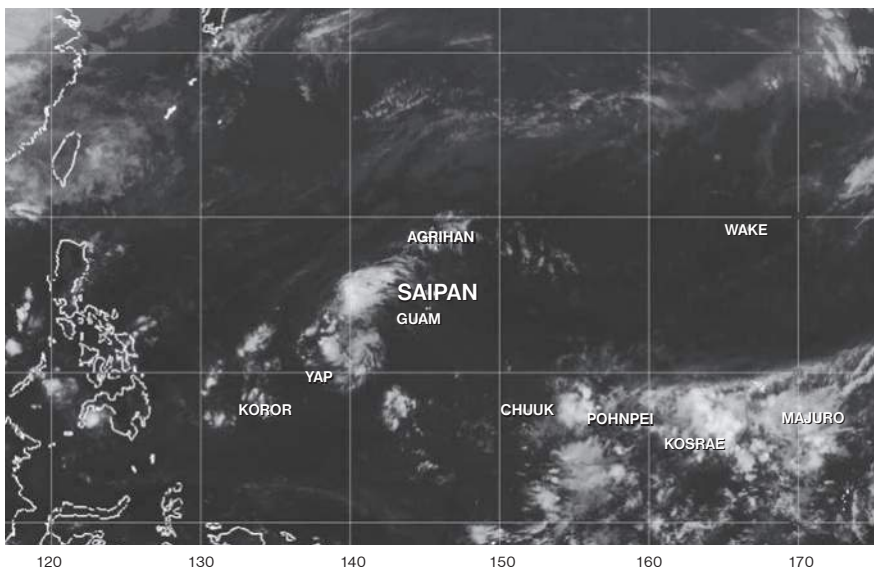
Washington, DC	Rain	▲55	▼53

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A weak frontal boundary runs west-southwestward from northeast of Minami Tori Shima through 25N156E to beyond 130E at 19N. Low clouds and patchy showers are found along and up to 200 miles north of this boundary. A surface trough reaches northeastward from a circulation centered southwest of Guam near 11N143E to end near Agrihan at 19N146E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are present between 14N and 9N from 139E to 144E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found mainly west of the Marianas within 40 miles of a line from 15N140E to 19N146E. A near-equatorial trough runs eastward from 4N130E through a weak circulation centered southeast of Yap near 6N141E to another circulation at 5N160E then turns northeastward to end near 8N163E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring over Pohnpei and Kosrae states between 10N and the equator from 153E to 165E. A trade-wind disturbance and an upper-level trough north of Marshall Islands are combining to produce scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms over the Marshall Islands between 9N and the equator from 169E to the date line.

Tides

Saipan Harbor

1:27 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.7 Feet
7:14 AM	Today	Low Tide:	1.1 Feet
11:38 AM	Today	High Tide:	1.6 Feet
7:06 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Tuesday	5:52 AM	6:36 PM
Wednesday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Thursday	5:51 AM	6:36 PM
Friday	5:51 AM	6:37 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today	10:37 AM	11:36 PM
Tuesday	11:25 AM	
Wednesday	12:13 PM	12:18 AM
Thursday	1:01 AM	12:58 PM
Friday	1:49 AM	1:37 PM

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DEPARTURES

SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)

UA5070	4:15am	5:05am	Daily
UA5068	8:00am	8:50am	3
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5078	3:10pm	4:00pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	6:55pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7 via Rota
UA5038	7:45pm	8:35pm	2, 6
UA5078	8:10pm	9:00pm	3

GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)

UA5038	5:35pm	6:10pm	2, 6

ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN

UA5038	6:40pm	7:15pm	2, 6

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:05am	8:45am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6
DL297	4:30pm	7:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:10am	6:20am	4, 7

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7

SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)

MU764	4:00am	8:00am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)

3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN
OZ606/701	2:50am	11: 05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5070/191	4:15am	8:55am	3, 6, 7 via GUM
DL287/473	6:05am	10:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT
UA5068/183	8:00am	9:10pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	2, 5 via GUM
UA5078/183	3:10pm	9:10pm	1, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN

SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)

OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50am	1 via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
UA5068/179	8:00am	9:55pm	3 via GUM
UA5078/179	3:10pm	9:55pm	1, 5, 6 via GUM
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN

ARRIVALS

GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN

UA5069	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
UA5071	6:40am	7:30am	3
UA5071	7:15am	8:05am	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5077	1:50pm	2:40pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7
UA5039	5:35pm	6:25pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5038	5:35pm	7:15pm	2, 6 via Rota
UA5077	6:50pm	7:40pm	3

SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)

UA5039	6:55pm	7:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)

UA5039	8:00pm	8:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:55pm	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	1:50am+1	3, 6

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7

BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN

MU763	7:20pm	3:00am+1	4, 7

GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN

3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

DL172/288	7:45am	1:25am+1	1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT
UA190/5039	9:55am	6:25pm	7 via Guam
UA190/5038	9:55am	7:15pm	6 via Rota-Guam
UA190/5077	9:55am	7:40pm	3 via Guam
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
UA184/5071	10:25pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via Guam
UA184/5038	10:25pm	7:15pm+1	1 via Rota-Guam
UA184/5071	11:30pm	7:30am+1	2 via Guam
UA184/5038	11:30pm	7:15pm+1	5 via Rota-Guam

HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN

OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA180/5071	9:55pm	8:05am+1	1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM

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Nearly 1,200 lbs of WWII explosives blown up

Nearly 1,200 lbs of World War II ordnance were detonated last Friday at the Laderan Lagun cliff line in Marpi.

The detonation was done by the U.S Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Detachment from Guam, with assistance from the CNMI Explosives Response Team led by incident commander Capt. Pete Leon Guerrero, CNMI Homeland Security, Department of Public Safety police officers, and firefighters.

After 1pm, a "birdshot" was first fired to scare away birds in the area. According to Leon Guerrero, the birdshot that was fired are just a few pounds of explosives and is "a warning shot."

This was followed by the major shot—the detonation of ordnance with close to a total weight of 1,200 lbs.

The detonation set off a thunderclap, rebounding along the cliff walls and sending a huge mushroom-shaped cloud over the cliff line and walls into the air, nearly a mile north of the Marpi landfill.

The U.S Navy EOD team asked Juan Ogarto to detonate the birdshot while the major shot detonation was done by Gerald Guerrero of the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Ogarto said it felt exciting to experience the detonation. Ogarto and Guerrero were ordered to shout, "Fire in the hole!" three times before the two detonations were executed.

According to Leon Guerrero, the pit can only hold up to 1,200 lbs of dead explosive weight and that unexploded ordnance collected will be counter-charged by C4s to render it safe.

DPS closed the Marpi area from 12pm to 3pm, after the U.S Navy EOD's officer-in-charge Lt. Dhruv Parashar and Chief Explosive Ordnance Disposal's Ryan Gilfillan, along with other two U.S Navy EODs, went to confirm and check if it was safe.

Leon Guerrero said that once they have collected World War II ordnance of 600 lbs or more, they ask the Office of the Governor to communicate with the military in Guam.

"Everything we do down here is safe and we handle a lot of explosives," said Leon Guerrero. "We invited Gov. Eloy S. Inos but he was busy and he apologized."

He said his team collects unexploded ordnances.

"If you find or discover any unexploded ordnance, don't touch it. Give us a call or dial 911," Leon Guerrero said.

He said his team will go and pick it up, transport it to the bunker in Marpi, and lock it up. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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DESPITE CASINO, ONLINE GAMING INDUSTRY

CDA: Governor remains committed to floating bond

By MONETH G. DEPOSA
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Despite the passage of the casino law and online gaming on Saipan, the Inos administration remains committed to floating a pension obligation bond to meet its cash flow needs, according to Commonwealth Development Authority executive director Manuel Sablan.

However, he confirmed that no final amount has been determined yet for the planned POB.

Some two weeks ago, CDA executives met with Gov. Eloy S. Inos to discuss the planned flotation of the bond. In that meeting, CDA was specifically asked what other information it needs to begin the process.

"We're going through the process now and reinstating the discussion with our bond underwriter and bond counsel. But we have yet to take the formal steps to begin the process," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

The CNMI is working with Barclays as its underwriter. The company had acquired Lehman Brothers, which floated $100.49 million in general obligation bonds for the Commonwealth back in 2007.

When asked if there's urgency to float the bond at this time, Sablan replied: "The urgency would depend whether they need the cash. If they generate [some monies] now, maybe the needed amount [for the POB] would be scaled down."

At a February board meeting of CDA, it was disclosed that the CNMI government is targeting to float a higher bond amount of $120 million after analysis of the government's financials showed that it has the capability to handle paying a higher debt service amount. This is higher than the initial target of $80 million and $60 million. This will happen if the CNMI gets an investment grade rating of at least BBB.

Sablan disclosed that CDA is set to meet anew with the governor to finalize the amount to be floated for the pension obligation bond.

"The final decision on how much we need to float entirely depends on the governor," he said.

Sablan, however, cannot immediately say how soon the POB packet can be put together.

"We're still on [with the POB]. As to the timeframe, all depends on how much the governor wants to float and when he needs the cash flow requirement," he added.

CDA is aiming for a higher credit rating so the proposed POB float will get a lower interest rate. Part of the effort in getting a higher rating and lower interest rate is using gross receipt taxes as a pledge. The amendment to the POB Act of 2013 specifically provides for the use of gross receipt taxes for repayment of the bonds. Unlike revenue bonds, POBs are taxable and command higher interest rates. The CNMI has had a good history of meeting its bond payments. It is current on payments on all bonds issued.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Ray P. Boongaling Petitioner,	)	FCD-DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0518
vs.	)	
Leonila Tordil-Boongaling Respondent,	)	**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE NAME RESPONDENT:

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Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 10th day of April 2014.

/s/ Clerk of Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
OF THE
COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS
IN THE MATTER OF THE ADOPTION AND NAME CHANGE OF
ALEXIS CANDELARIA KILELEMAN
CIVIL ACTION NO. 14-0187

NOTICE OF HEARING

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT ON **May 22, 2014** at 10:30 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard before the Honorable Kenneth L. Govendo, Associate Judge, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, located at the Guma Hustisia, Beach Road Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, USA. Judge Govendo will hear and rule upon the Petition of Rita Marie Bonnici and Paul Matthew Radley, a married couple, for the Adoption and Change of Name of the female minor child known as Alexis Candelaria Kileleman, whose biological mother is Juliet Somorang Kileleman, and who was born at the Commonwealth Health Center, Saipan, on December 30, 2013. A copy of the Petition and the documents filed in support of the Petition are available upon request to any person recognized by law to have a right to review them (including, but not limited to, any person claiming to be the biological father) in the court file or upon request from Petitioners' attorney, Sean E. Frink, whose contact information is below. Anyone who opposes this adoption and/or change of name must file any written opposition or appear at the hearing, either personally or through their legal representative, or their rights related to Alexis Candelaria Kileleman will be forever waived.

Dated: May 2, 2014.

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TINIAN CASINO GAMING CONTROL COMMISSION
Municipality of Tinian and Aguiguan
Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands

PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9910(a), the Tinian Casino Gaming Control Commission (TCGCC) hereby gives notice that it will hold its Regular Meeting on Thursday, May 08, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. at the TCGCC Conference room.

AGENDA

I. Preliminary
- a. Call to Order
- b. Roll Call
- c. Adoption of Agenda
- d. Adoption of Minutes

II. Public Comments

III. Reports
- a. Chair's Report
- b. Executive Director's Report

IV. Unfinished Business

V. New Business
- a. Ratification of Table Movement Requests
- b. TDHC Casino Employee Applications

VI. Executive Session

VII. Miscellaneous/Administrative Matters

VIII. Adjournment

[1]Public comments are limited to 30 minutes and each remark is limited to three minutes each. Everyone is welcomed to submit written comments.
[2]Pursuant to 1 CMC § 9912, the Commission may vote to meet in executive session at any time.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
Office of the Executive Director

REQUEST FOR STATEMENTS OF QUALIFICATIONS
CUC-SOQ-14-013

DESIGN OF LOWER BASE SEWER SYSTEM

The Office of the Executive Director for the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation (CUC) is soliciting Statements of Qualifications (SOQ) from qualified architecture & engineering (A&E) firms to design the Lower Base Sewer System on the island of Saipan, which will replace the existing and dilapidated sewer system which dates back to the Naval administration of Saipan. The design will intercept the existing Capitol Hill sewer in the lower portion of Isa Drive, will service the main Lower Base industrial area, and will include a new lift station that will pump into the existing force main coming from Tanapag. This force main will be extended and enlarged from the point of connection to discharge to the existing S-3 lift station at the Saipan Seaport, enabling the abandonment of lift stations S-1, T-3, and the Tan Holdings lift station. Connection of all existing, active buildings within the area served by the design will also be included. A&E services will include the necessary geotechnical and surveying services to develop the design and construction documents. Work must be coordinated with the A&E firm selected by the CNMI Water Task Force (WTF) to design the Lower Base water system, which will be on-going at near the same time as this design contract. This project is funded by a grant from the U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA) and all work is subject to EDA review and approval.

The RFSOQ package may be obtained from the CUC Procurement and Supply Office, 3rd Floor, Room No. 3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Saipan, between 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except on government observed holidays upon completion of registration and presentation of a receipt evidencing a non-refundable payment to the CUC Treasury Section, by cash, check or credit card in the amount of $100.00 for one RFSOQ package set. Prospective A&E firms for this RFSOQ must pre-register with the CUC Procurement & Supply Division by May 30, 2014 to be considered.

A pre-proposal conference will be held on May 22, 2014 at 10:00 a.m. (ChST), at the CUC Training Room, 3rd Floor, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, Dandan, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

One (1) original and Five (5) copies of the SOQ must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "CUC SOQ 14-013, Request for Statement of Qualifications-Design of Lower Base Sewer System" to CUC Procurement & Supply Division, 3rd Floor, Room No.3, Joeten Dandan Commercial Building, P.O.Box 501220, Dandan, Saipan MP 96950, no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on June 6, 2014. Statements of Qualifications mailed via postal or courier service must be received on or before due date and time.

All A&E firm are advised that CUC assumes no responsibility in any act of omission on the part of the A&E firm due to lack of information or understanding of the Request for Statement of Qualifications requirements in the course of Contractor's preparation of a SOQ under the contract.

Discussions may be conducted with responsible/qualified A&E firms for the purpose of clarification and to ensure full understanding of, and responsiveness to solicitation requirements. A&E firms shall be accorded fair and equal treatment. There shall be no disclosure of any information derived from the SOQ submitted by competing A&E firms.

This Request for Statements of Qualifications does not commit CUC to the award of a contract or contracts, nor to pay any cost incurred in the preparation and submission of statements of qualifications in anticipation of a contract. This request and the ensuing contract shall be executed pursuant to the CUC procurement regulations. The contractor shall be required to comply with all CNMI and applicable federal regulations.

Questions or requests for clarification will be entertained only from pre-registered prospective proposers and must be submitted in writing no later than 10:00 a.m. (ChST) on May 27, 2014 to Manny B. Sablan, Manager, CUC Procurement & Supply via email address manny.sablan@cucgov.org. Responses to Questions will be provided no later than May 29, 2014.

CUC reserves the right to reject any or all proposals for any reason and to waive any defects in said proposal, if in its sole opinion, to do so would be in the best interest of CUC. All SOQ shall become the property of CUC.

ALAN W. FLETCHER
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MANNY B. SABLAN
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Over $100K raised to fight cancer in 2014 MMAC

JAYSON CAMACHO

Cancer survivors sit with family members and supporters during the announcing and presentation of survivor medallions.

After months of exhausting preparations and volunteer hours, the Commonwealth Cancer Association raised a total of $118,190.32 during the 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer on Friday night and early Saturday morning.

The 2014 MMAC total, which is inclusive of in-kind donations, is slightly lower than the $124,049.95 the CCA raised last year during its signature fundraising event.

This year's cash collection of $83,880.90 was also slightly lower than the $84,403.85 raised last year.

More than a thousand community members trooped to the MMAC at the Hopwood Junior High School field to support the fight against cancer.

Team Talaabwogh won the best tent, most spirited, and most money raised under the "Atdao" category of the 2014 MMAC.

Team Bodig won the best baton, sold the most luminaries, and raised the most money in the "Pulan" category. The total amount raised by Team Bodig was $17,294.

Team Mount Carmel School won the "rising star" award and most money raised in the "Napu" category.

Team Joeten Dolphins won most laps and Team Pacific Islands Club won the most money raised in the "Put'ion" category.

For most money raised, four categories were included which are schools under "Napu," nonprofit/government agencies under "Atdao," family under "Pulan," and corporate group under "Puti'on."

All winning teams were presented with certificates.

The 2014 MMAC started at 5:30pm on Friday and ended at 6am on Saturday, with various teams marching, running, and dancing around the track in honor of cancer survivors and victims.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, who gave the opening remarks, said he is pleased to see many "familiar faces from last year" at the opening of the 2014 MMAC.

"The event marks the beginning of an even bigger challenge, and by coming together and working together as a team, the goal of this event will be a story of success," Flores said. "The mission of the CCA is perfect and the purpose of tonight's event is to make sure the work continues on. This march is carrying on that charge and I hope the same familiar faces will be back next year and years after that.

"You are here because you care, you want to make a difference, you want to continue the work you started, you want to make sure no one has to make it alone and struggle alone," Flores added. "CCA is here to let everyone know we are all in this together. The funds raised in this year's march is just a small part of what helps us pull through."

Cancer survivors from 7 to over 60 years of age were recognized for surviving the fight against cancer. The 2014 MMAC committee members presented them with medallions and commemorative T-shirts.

Twenty-five-year cancer survivor and CCA secretary Bobbi Grizzard was pleased with the honor. "I am glad to be here, to be vertical and alive, and be a survivor. My family is here and my family always comes down to support me and they are always here," she said.

Grizzard was supported by her son, daughter-in-law, and grandchildren during the 2014 MMAC.

CCA board treasurer Maggie Camacho, also a survivor, was happy and pleased to have been recognized. She went to the 2014 MMAC with her husband and daughter, Reina Camacho.

Despite an unexpected rain, survivors continued their laps, inspiring many others while music played and tears of happiness were seen in the faces of families of survivors and the survivors themselves.

More than hundreds of luminaries were also lit despite the rain.

Relay races were then started along with the presentation of team members. Teams this year included Mount Carmel School, Talabwoogh Star, Aschoscho, Pacific Islands Club, Kagman High School with Tan Holdings, Bodig, Joeten Daidai Foundation with Marianas High School called Joeten Dolphins, GOP Youth, Marianas Baptist Academy, IT&E with Saipan Southern High School, and Takecare FHP with Grace Christian Academy.

JAYSON CAMACHO

A young cancer survivor is awarded a medallion amidst cheers.

During the closing ceremonies, awards were handed out followed by the "Walk of Life" from the 2014 MMAC committee members as well as the teams and schools that participated.

Manny Borja, 2014 MMAC overall committee chairman, said the committee, sponsors, and teams have put in a lot of effort into making the event happen and they hope the community will continue to take part next year and the year after.

"I'd like to thank all our sponsors, committee, CCA board, and community members for the long months of getting the biggest annual fundraiser in the fight against cancer because without them the event would have never been as successful as it was now," he said.

The CCA board of directors and 2014 MMAC committee also expressed their gratitude and heartfelt appreciation to the many individuals, organizations, families, partners, and sponsors who helped make the CCA fundraiser a resounding success. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

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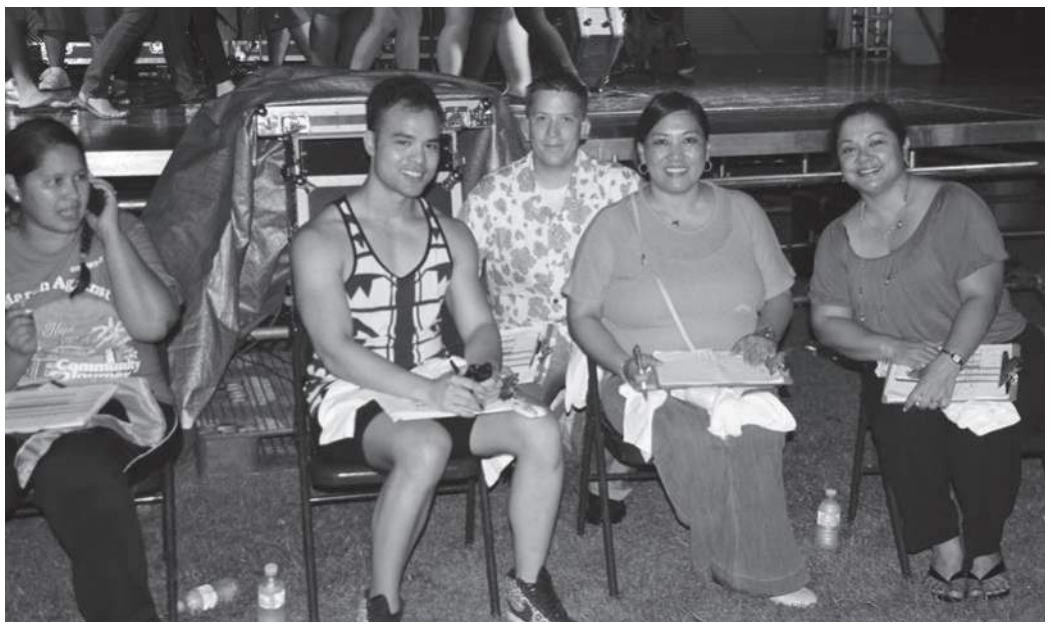
Cancer survivors start their lap as dozens of teams cheer them on.



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The 2014 MMAC judges that gave the results and judged team member tents, batons, laps, spirit, and most money raised and luminaries sold.

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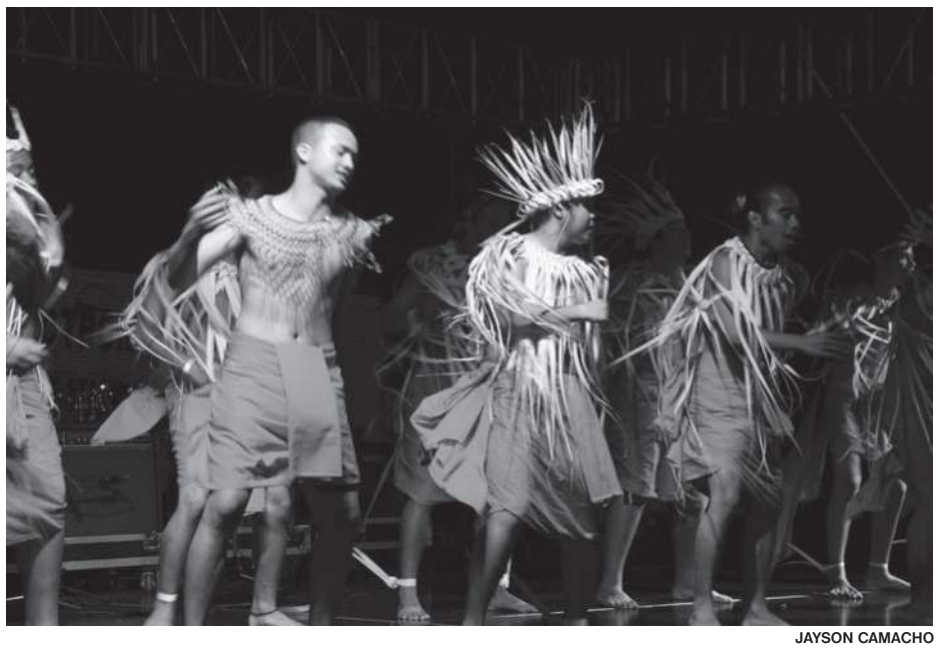
Joggers go on non-stop laps during the relay.



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Carolinian dancers take the stage to perform in front of spectators during the overnight event.

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Team Talaabwogh Star flashes their banner after winning in three categories during the award announcement.

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Team Pacific Islands Club won an award for "most money raised" under 'Puti'on' category.

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Mt. Carmel School and their mascot hold their award called "rising star" during the presentation of awards.

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Joeten Daidai Foundation, along with the Marianas High School, wins the award for "most laps."

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The 2014 Marianas March Against Cancer committee.

Taste of Marianas off to a great start

By JAYSON CAMACHO
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The 16th Taste of the Marianas drew thousands of visitors and community members as one of CNMI's biggest tourism events kicked off last Saturday at the American Memorial Park.

The venue for the annual international food festival this year changed, as it is now closer to Hyatt Regency Saipan, which is near the Micro Beach area of the park.

The Taste of the Marianas has always been one of the most highly anticipated events organized by MVA every year and it's being staged all Saturdays of May from 6pm to 10pm in celebration of Tourism Month.

MVA executive director Perry Tenorio said the Taste of the Marianas continues to grow in participation, performances, and diversity.

"The vendors have changed and also a little different from before is the partnership with the Hotel Association of the Northern Mariana Islands and members of MVA," Tenorio said.

Tenorio noted that the Taste of the Marianas began in 1999 and was developed to let visitors and residents mingle and enjoy each other's cultures.

"I think a lot of the community members enjoy the event. We're very proud of it and we're very happy the community enjoys it very much," Tenorio said. "I am not surprised that other members look forward to it. What's a little different from this year is that there are five events every Saturday for the whole month of May."

A total of 14 hotels and restaurants on Saipan are participating in this year's festival, providing a dizzying array of local and international cuisines to choose from.

Last Saturday's entertainment was provided by the Chinese Association of Saipan's lion dance group, Saipan Awaodori Team, Ukelele Jammers, Umang Glee Club, Marianas High School's Poksai Guma Chamorro, Tinaktak Dancers, and Alana la.

Korean tourists Min Jae Kim and his wife Ye Ri Kang, along with their daughter, Na Ri, 4, and two sons Hyun Woo, 11, and Kun Woo, 16, enjoyed the different food from Herman's Modern Bakery and D'Elegance Café.

Kim said it is his eighth time visiting Saipan. The last time, his two sons were still little boys.

"I like this festival. There is so much entertainment every year and now I see different food from one year ago," Kim said.

Russian couple Kirill Gorelov and Liliya Gorelova said it was their first time to visit the Taste of the Marianas.

Gorelov said he and his wife are on their second honeymoon and that his wife's father chose Saipan as their destination.

"My father-in-law recommended Saipan for our honeymoon, and one of my friends from another hotel said they have this festival, so we came here and I really enjoy it," Gorelov said.

Gorelova noted that they would be taking their yearly vacations on Saipan because they love the island, culture, and the friendliness of the people of the CNMI.

The highlight of the evening was the hotdog eating competition, which featured two categories: "under 18 years old" and "ages 18 and older."

In the under-18 group, Jae Hyun Lee won first place and took home $50 worth of Taste of Marianas tokens. David Yang and Miku Kimura came second and third place in the category and received $30 and $20 worth of tokens, respectively.

For the 18-and-older category, Raymond Emul took first place, while *Saipan Tribune*'s Shawn Camacho and tourist Chang Sun Hong came in as runners-up. Like the younger division, Emul, Camacho, and Chang got $50, $30, and $20 worth of tokens, respectively.

Saipan Awaodori Team does a triangle set up, posing for a captivated audiences. JAYSON CAMACHO

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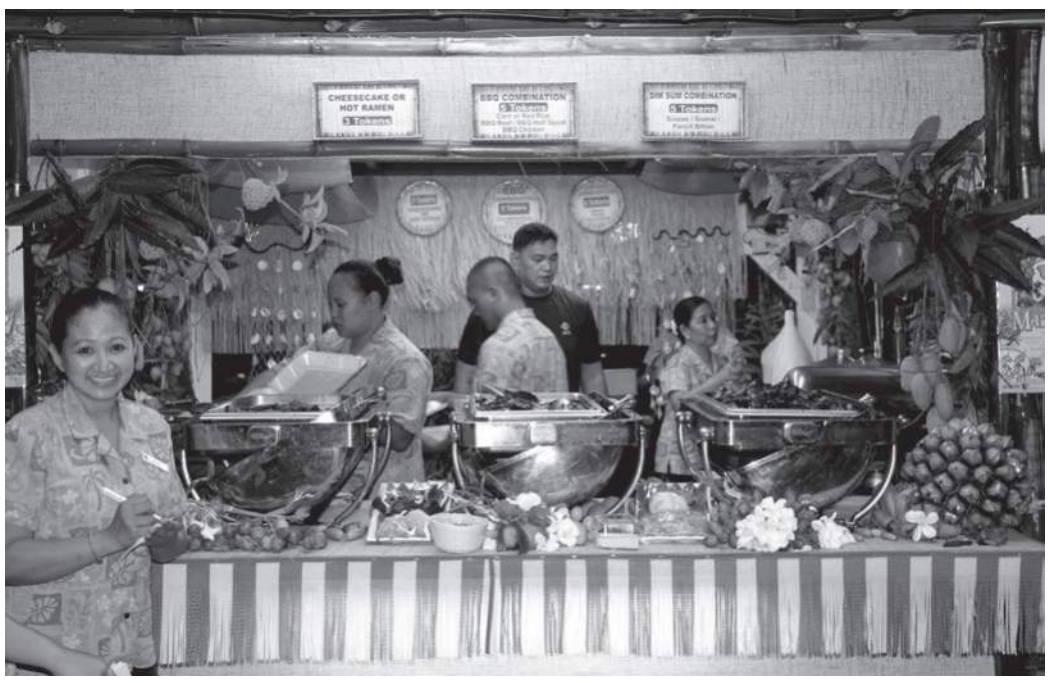
From left to right, Miku Kimura (third), David Yang (second), and Jae Hyun Lee (first) pose after winning the top three places in the "under 18" category of the hotdog eating competition.

The Umang Glee Club from Koblerville Elementary School performs a song number. JAYSON CAMACHO



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Fiesta Resort and Spa Saipan's booth features a tropical theme, making it stand out among the crowd.

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The "18 and older" top three finishers in the hotdog eating competition. From left to right, Chang Sun Hong (third), Shawn Camacho (second), and Raymond Emul (first).

30th Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition

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From first row starting from right: Competition judges Attorney General Joey San Nicolas, Presiding Judge Roberto Naraja, Chief Justice Alexandro Castro, Board of Education member Lucy Blanco-Maratita, former attorney general Pamela Brown, former associate judge Herbert Soll, Sen. Francisco Borja, retired presiding judge Edward Manibusan, and Lt. Gov. Jude Hofshneider pose with contestants (top row from right) Mina Ito from Marianas Baptist Academy, Tinian High School's Kyle Sanbergen, Mount Carmel School's Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro, Marianas High School's Matthew Lopez, Saipan Southern High School's Katrina Cruz, and Kagman High School's Lou Shrine Guevarra.

Contestants, coaches, and Tinian community members pose for a photo at a historical site on the island of Tinian after the 30th annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition. Mayor's Office chief of staff Don Farrell conducted the one-hour tour around the island.

Attorney General Joey San Nicolas, left, and Chief Justice Alexandro Castro pose for a photo during last weekend's 30th annual Attorney General's Speech Competition. Castro initiated the competition during his time as an attorney general 30 years ago.

Katrina Cruz, left, Matthew Lopez, center, and Maria Fe Andrea Lazaro, right, hold hands during the announcement of winners at the 30th annual Attorney General's Cup Speech Competition.

The panel of nine judges score the six contestants during the competition held at Tinian High School's cafeteria last Friday.

CNMI, DOJ file final report to terminate prison consent decree

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The CNMI and U.S. governments have filed a final report supporting a joint motion that seeks the termination of a consent decree that the Commonwealth forged with the U.S. Department of Justice 15 years ago to address prison conditions in the CNMI.

Assistant attorney general Teresita J. Sablan, counsel for the CNMI government, and DOJ's trial attorney Jeffrey R. Murray, filed last week the final consent decree report in the U.S. District Court for the NMI pursuant to a court order.

The court will hear the motion to terminate the consent decree on May 15, 2014.

Last Jan. 27, Sablan and Murray told the court that the Commonwealth has fulfilled its obligations under the consent decree. Sablan and Murray said the parties agree that the CNMI "is in compliance with the requirements of the consent decree."

Sablan and Murray agreed that an evidentiary hearing is not necessary because the U.S. government does not oppose the termination of the consent decree.

The consent decree arose from a U.S. government investigation in 1978 into the CNMI's adult and juvenile detention facilities.

The U.S. DOJ observed among other things, that staff members were not trained to respond to a fire emergency; facilities lacked fire alarms, smoke detectors, sprinklers, and emergency generators; cells were keyed with individual locks, which greatly increased risk in the event of fire; emergency exits were not marked; many cells lacked running water; toilets would not flush; shower areas were covered in mold and mildew; and there was poor ventilation and no medical screening, increasing the risk of transmitting infectious diseases like tuberculosis.

DOJ also found that facilities were antiquated, dilapidated, and operating at or near their safe capacity; facilities had inadequate perimeter fencing, poor sight lines, and lacked an adequate maximum security housing area; and inmates and detainees roamed freely, increasing the risk of harm from inmate-on-inmate violence and putting staff at an increased risk of harm.

The U.S. government filed a lawsuit against the CNMI on Feb. 23, 1999. Two days later, the DOJ and the CNMI entered into a consent decree.

The goals of the consent decree was to ameliorate the conditions of the CNMI's detention institutions that were deemed to violate the civil rights of those detained at the facilities, and to safeguard against future violations.

At the time the parties entered into the consent decree, there were six facilities at issue: the Saipan Prison complex, the Saipan Detention Facility, the Kagman Youth Facility, the Saipan Immigration Detention Facility, the Tinian Detention Facility, and the Rota Detention Facility.

Today, there are only four facilities: the Adult Correctional Facility, the Juvenile Detention Unit, the Tinian Detention Facility, and the Rota Detention Facility.

The Adult Correctional Facility and the Juvenile Detention Unit are modernized facilities that were built in accordance with the consent decree. Tinian and Rota Detention Facilities are used as temporary holding facilities.

In their final report, Sablan and Murray said since the implementation of the consent decree, the parties have worked to identify violations and address them.

The lawyers said the parties agree that the purpose of the consent decree has now been achieved and that termination of the consent decree is appropriate.

In a visit to the Commonwealth on April 2, 2014, assistant U.S. attorney Mikel Schwab participated in an on-site tour of the Adult Correctional Facility and Juvenile Detention Unit.

Sablan and Murray said on the basis of Schwab's observations and other evidence obtained through its enforcement efforts, the U.S. believes that the Commonwealth has satisfied the intent of the consent decree and that it is in substantial compliance with the consent decree's terms.

During the April 2014 visit, the lawyers said, the Commonwealth demonstrated conditions that were in stark contrast to those in 1999; the current facilities feature modern equipment able to respond to fire and other emergencies.

The Commonwealth, they said, is in substantial compliance with the planning, fire safety, sanitation, medical care, security and protection from harm, new construction, and compliance provisions of the consent decree.

The CNMI was forced to build the adult prison in Susupe under the consent decree. Construction of the new prison facility in Susupe began in 2002 with an initial cost of about $17 million that later ballooned to $20.9 million. The new prison opened in 2008.

The construction of the Juvenile Detention Unit was completed and opened for occupancy in 2004.

Senior Commission ends 2-day visit to NMC

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A team from the Western Association of Schools and Colleges' Senior Commission concluded last Friday its two-day visit and inspection at the Northern Marianas College as part of the institution's application to transfer its accreditation to the senior body.

"The visit went well. The team's meetings were focused not only on verifying NMC's self-study report that we submitted earlier this year, but they also focused on providing the college insight about where improvements can be made, especially in key areas of teaching and learning," said NMC president Dr. Sharon Hart.

Led by team chair Dr. Helen Whippy, the commission's representative group gave the college a verbal summary of its findings in seven key areas upon its exit.

In a statement Friday, NMC disclosed that the team commended the college for refining its governance process, establishing measurable student learning outcomes in student service areas, and its fiscal responsibility and unqualified audits.

Also noted by the visiting team is the transformation of the Board of Regents and its support for the president. Its inclusive strategic planning process, implementation of new policies that have helped to set new directions for NMC, as well as the difficult decisions enforced in implementing new faculty qualification requirements were also marked as commendable.

Whippy also provided several recommendations to help the college in its growth and development. Notably, it suggested the increase in the college capacity for institutional research, transitioning the college from course level assessment to comprehensive, program level assessment with a focus on student success.

The team also recommended further development of the college's general education philosophy, empowering faculty and further defining their role in teaching and assessment, as well as establishing a comprehensive development program for them.

Also noted is the need to revisit faculty evaluation criteria. The Board of Regents was also urged to meet less frequently so they can better focus on key broad issues to allow the institution to focus on the implementation of board policies.

During the two-day visit, the team engaged students, staff, faculty, and the members of the Board of Regents to discuss a number of issues related to academics, student services, college finances, governance, and other matters.

The team's final report will be submitted to the WASC Senior Commission, which will then make a decision on NMC's application for accreditation with the Senior Commission in mid-June.

The purpose of the WASC visit was twofold: to evaluate NMC and its application for initial accreditation under the Senior Commission; and to review the college's substantive change proposal to offer a Bachelors in Science – Business Management program.

NMC is already accredited by the WASC Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges. This accreditation was recently reaffirmed by ACCJC in February.

The college initiated the shift from the Junior Commission to the Senior Commission of WASC as part of its effort to meet community and workforce needs. Under ACCJC, the college was allowed to offer only one bachelor's degree program. On the other hand, the WASC Senior Commission would allow the college to expand its bachelor degree offerings after necessary approvals are secured.

Yvonne Bennett lands role in indie film

Micronesia's sprint queen, Yvonne Bennett, will have a minor role in the indie film *Twice a Dream* that is expected to be released in June next year.

Bennett, in a letter to her parents, said that she landed the role after auditioning for the part of Monique in two scenes of the film.

"I wanted to find some kind of work for acting and modeling. As I was searching I came across a post for an audition for a film in Salt Lake City, Utah, and the audition date was at the time that I will be in Utah to manage a store temporarily. So I responded to the online post, confirmed my audition time, then started practicing my sides for the audition," Bennett said.

Bennett and her twin sister, Yvette, both manage outlets for the national store chain Abercrombie & Fitch.

According to Bennett, she was the first one to be seen at the audition.

"I auditioned for the part of Monique. I had two scenes to do in my audition. First one was at a gathering with friends and the second was a dramatic scene. I did the dramatic scene (confronting my dead best friend's boyfriend about hitting on her sister in front of her grave) a second time, and brought more energy and feeling to it—which I believed was what secured the part for me. Because it was a great audition and I left the audition thinking just that," she said.

About a week and a half later, Bennett received an email from the casting director saying they loved her audition as Monique, and would like to offer her the part.

"I immediately responded stating my interest and thanked her as well. Currently I am just waiting for all the details about shoot dates and other things. But I will be shooting for about five days for my role as Monique in Salt Lake City," she said.

The movie is expected to be released on June 2, 2015.

Ambrose Bennett and Lillian Bennett, parents of Yvonne, are proud of their daughter for acing the audition.

"We are so glad for her and hopefully some of our youth in the CNMI will be inspired by Yvonne," Ambrose Bennett said.

Yvette Bennett, twin sister of Yvonne, won both Miss Idaho USA & Miss Idaho International titles and Shequita Bennett—their oldest sister—is a former Miss Marianas Universe and now a sergeant in the U.S. Air Force. ***(Jayson Camacho)***

Inaction on retransfer of childcare to PSS dismays BOE chair

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The Board of Education has expressed dismay over the continued "inaction" of Gov. Eloy S. Inos on the Public School System's repeated appeals to restore the administration of the CNMI Child Care Program to its fold.

In an interview with *Saipan Tribune*, board chair Herman T. Guerrero said that regulations and policies for the childcare program remain intact in the hopes that the program will be given back to the system.

"We haven't repealed our regulations and technically, we still have the policies on childcare program because it's an important component in our mission to develop the total package of a child," he said.

Then-governor Benigno R. Fitial signed Executive Order 07-10 on Oct. 16, 2007, assigning the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs as the lead agency for the federal childcare and development fund program. The program gives the CNMI a $1.7 million annual grant from the U.S. Child Care and Development Block Grant Program.

Saipan Tribune learned that the Childcare Development Program was under PSS for the last 15 years before it was turned over to DCCA.

According to Guerrero, the absence of the childcare program under its auspices is now creating a gap in the system's mission to take care of the total development package of every child. He believes that the previous administration's decision was politically motivated, considering that PSS has historically managed the program well.

Since the Inos administration came to office in 2013, the BOE made attempts to have the childcare program restored to PSS, to no avail.

PSS currently administers both the Head Start and Early Intervention programs—both federally funded.

"It seems that they look at things more on a political perspective and not interested in the total development of a child, which is the national trend," Guerrero told *Saipan Tribune*, referring to the federal government's push for the CNMI and other states to consider implementing the Early Head Start program for 0-3 year olds.

Guerrero said the childcare program will play a pivotal role in the continuous development of each child from birth. This, he said, will mesh with the system's Early Intervention and Head Start programs, which both cater to small children.

For Guerrero, childcare is more than a "baby-sitting" program. There are important related services that must be accessed by both children and parents that he believes PSS can provide, including the needed expertise.

Air Force, Navy training on FDM, Warning Area 517

ASAN, Guam—The U.S. Air Force will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on May 6 and 8, from 9am to 3pm.

The U.S. Navy will conduct training at Warning Area 517 on May 7, from 12:30pm to 8:30pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

W-517 is an irregular shaped polygon comprising of 14,000 nautical square miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest in international waters. W-517 supports surface and aerial gunnery, missiles, and laser exercises. This will affect fishing in the vicinity of Santa Rosa Reef and Galvez Bank. ***(PR)***

Health & Fitness

CDC confirms first case of MERS virus in American

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NEW YORK (AP)—Health officials confirmed the first case of an American infected with a mysterious virus that has sickened hundreds in the Middle East.

The man fell ill after flying to the U.S. late last week from Saudi Arabia where he was a health care worker.

He is hospitalized in good condition in northwest Indiana with Middle East respiratory syndrome, or MERS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and Indiana health officials said Friday.

The virus is not highly contagious and this case "represents a very low risk to the broader, general public," Dr. Anne Schuchat told reporters during a CDC briefing.

The federal agency plans to track down passengers he may have been in close contact with during his travels; it was not clear how many may have been exposed to the virus.

So far, it is not known how he was infected, Schuchat said.

Saudi Arabia has been at the center of a Middle East outbreak of MERS that began two years ago. The virus has spread among health care workers, most notably at four facilities in that country last spring.

Officials didn't provide details about the American's job in Saudi Arabia or whether he treated MERS patients.

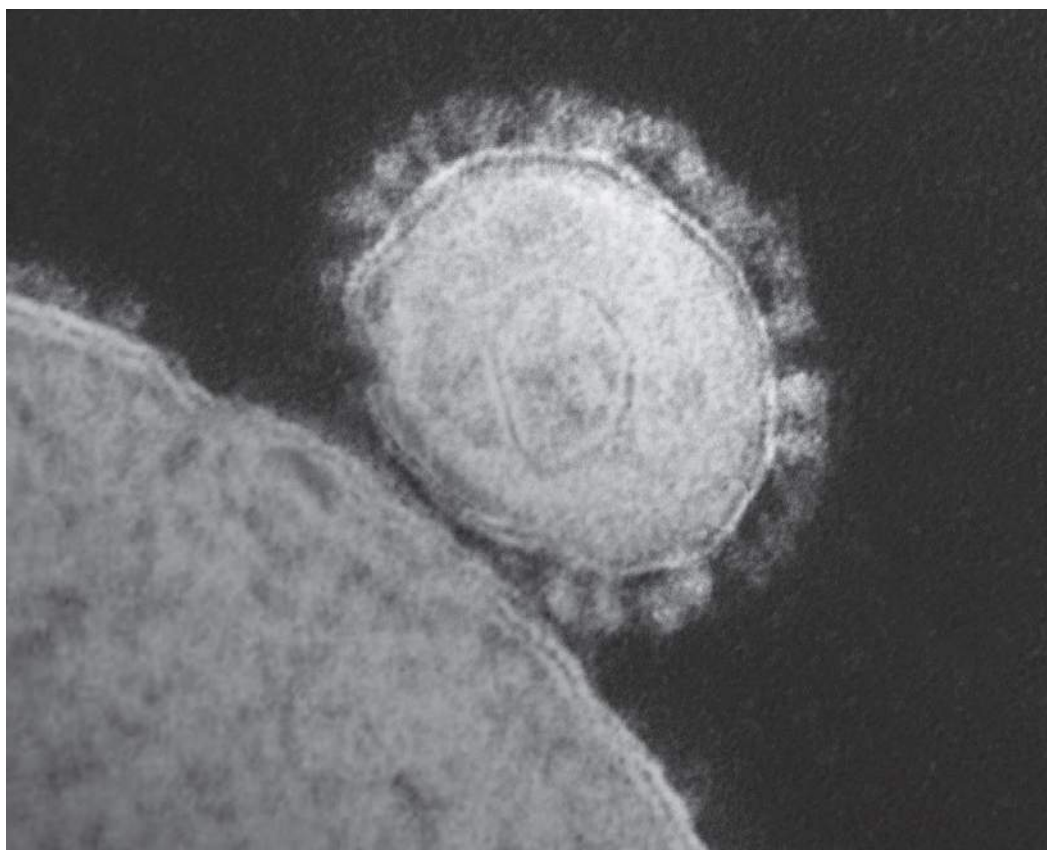
Overall, at least 400 people have had the respiratory illness, and more than 100 people have died. All had ties to the Middle East region or to people who traveled there.

Experts said it was just a matter of time before MERS showed up in the U.S., as it has in Europe and Asia.

"Given the interconnectedness of our world, there's no such thing as `it stays over there and it can't come here,'" said Dr. W. Ian Lipkin, a Columbia University MERS expert.

MERS belongs to the coronavirus family that includes the common cold and SARS, or severe acute respiratory syndrome, which caused some 800 deaths globally in 2003.

The MERS virus has been found in camels, but officials don't know how it is spreading to humans. It can spread from person to person, but officials believe that happens only after close contact. Not all those exposed to the virus become ill.



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This file photo provided by the National Institute for Allergy and Infectious Diseases shows a colorized transmission of the MERS coronavirus that emerged in 2012.

But it appears to be unusually lethal—by some estimates, it has killed nearly a third of the people it sickened. That's a far higher percentage than seasonal flu or other routine infections. But it is not as contagious as flu, measles or other diseases. There is no vaccine or cure and there's no specific treatment except to relieve symptoms.

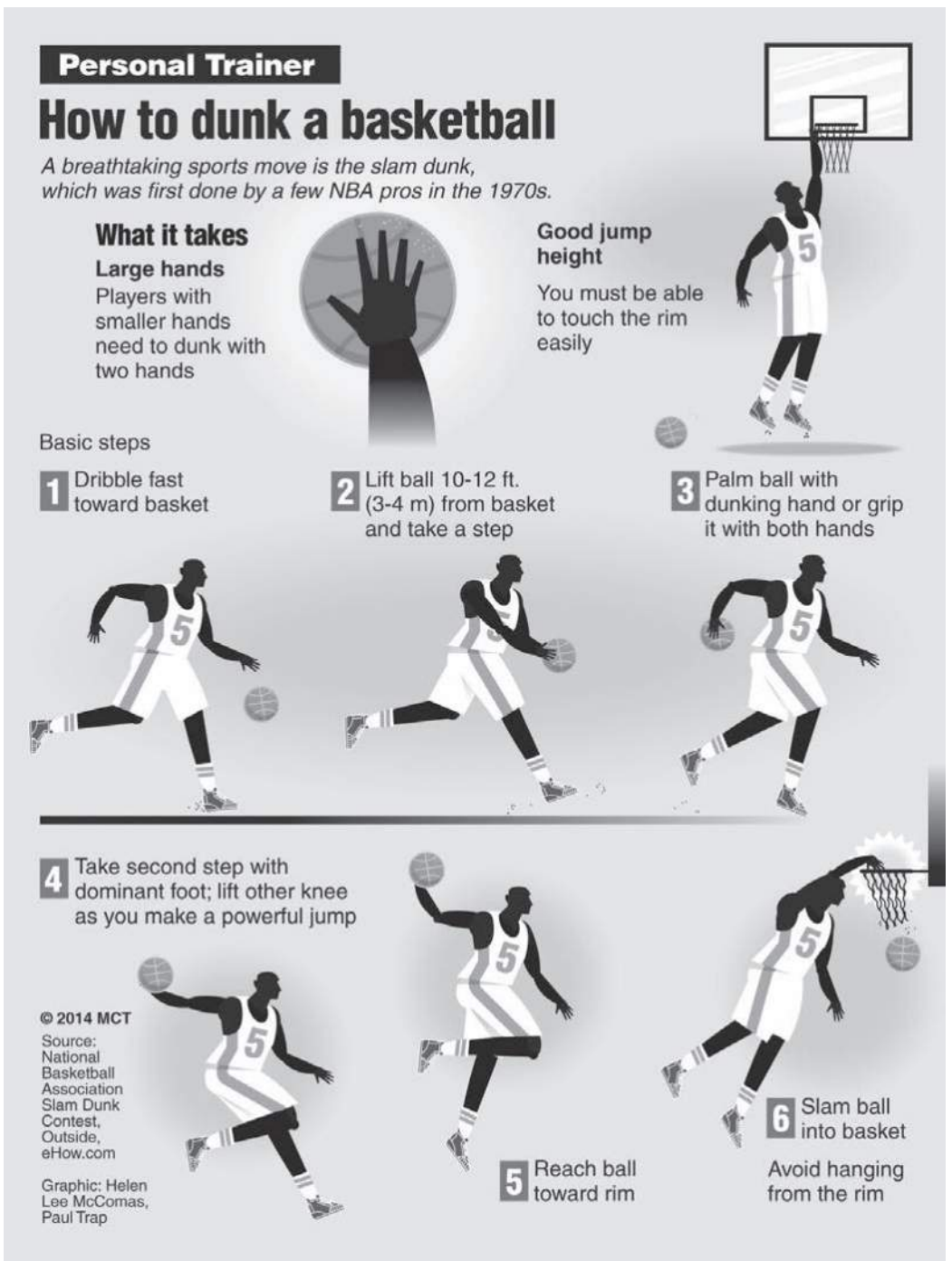
Federal and state health officials on Friday released only limited information about the U.S. case: On April 24, the man flew from Riyadh—Saudi Arabia's capital and largest city—to the United States, with a stop in London. He landed in Chicago and took a bus to nearby Indiana. He didn't become sick until Sunday, the CDC said.

He went to the emergency room at Community Hospital in Munster the next day with a fever, cough and shortness of breath. He was admitted and tested for the MERS virus because he had traveled from the Middle East. The hospital said he was in good condition.

As a precaution, the hospital said it would monitor the man's family and health care workers who treated him for any signs of infection.

There's been a recent surge in MERS illnesses in Saudi Arabia; cases have tended to increase in the spring. Experts think the uptick may partly be due to more and better surveillance. Columbia's Lipkin has an additional theory—there may be more virus circulating in the spring, when camels are born.

The CDC has issued no warnings about travel to countries involved in the outbreak. However, anyone who develops fever, cough or shortness of breath within two weeks of traveling in or near the Arabian Peninsula should see their doctor and mention their travel history.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6 Slam ball into basket
Avoid hanging from the rim
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Drug resistance found worldwide, new drugs needed

LONDON (AP)—Bacteria resistant to antibiotics have now spread to every part of the world and might lead to a future where minor infections could kill, according to a report published Wednesday by the World Health Organization.

In its first global survey of the resistance problem, WHO said it found very high rates of drug-resistant E. coli bacteria, which causes problems including meningitis and infections of the skin, blood and the kidneys. The agency noted there are many countries where treatment for the bug is useless in more than half of patients.

WHO's report also found worrying rates of resistance in other bacteria, including common causes of pneumonia and gonorrhea.

Unless there is urgent action, "the world is headed for a post-antibiotic era in which common infections and minor injuries which have been treatable for decades can once again kill," Dr. Keiji Fukuda, one of the agency's assistant director-generals, warned in a release.

WHO acknowledged it couldn't assess the validity of the data provided by countries and that many had no information on antibiotic resistance available.

Health experts have long warned about the dangers of drug resistance, particularly in diseases such as tuberculosis, malaria and flu. In a report by Britain's Chief Medical Officer last year, Dr. Sally Davies described resistance as a "ticking time bomb" and said it was as big a threat as terrorism.

In 1928, Alexander Fleming's discovery of penicillin revolutionized medicine by giving doctors the first effective treatment for a wide variety of infections. Despite the introduction of numerous other antibiotics since then, there have been no new classes of the drugs discovered for more than 30 years.

"We see horrendous rates of antibiotic resistance wherever we look...including children admitted to nutritional centers in Niger and people in our surgical and trauma units in Syria," said Dr. Jennifer Cohn, a medical director at Doctors Without Borders, in a statement. She said countries needed to improve their monitoring of antibiotic resistance. "Otherwise, our actions are just a shot in the dark."

WHO said people should use antibiotics only when prescribed by a doctor, that they should complete the full prescription and never share antibiotics with others or use leftover prescriptions.

Falls also problem for middle-aged with arthritis

NEW YORK (AP)—Falls are just as much of a problem for middle-aged adults with arthritis as they are for older people, a new government study shows.

In a telephone survey, about a third of adults 65 and older with arthritis said they had taken a tumble in the last year. But slightly more of those aged 45 to 64 reported falling.

More of the middle-aged group reported being injured from falls; 17 percent compared to 12 percent in the older group.

Thursday's report was issued by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

About half of Americans 65 and older complain of arthritis symptoms like joint pain and stiffness. Nearly a third of middle-aged people have arthritis. The number of has been growing, mostly because of overweight baby boomers.

Arthritis can make it harder to balance and it can sap lower-body strength, contributing to falls. Walking and moderate physical exercise is recommended for those with arthritis to keep symptoms from getting worse, said the CDC's Kamil Barbour, the study's lead author.

The report is based on a 2012 survey of 339,000 people ages 45 and older.

Life & Style

Obama takes humorous jabs at health care stumble

WASHINGTON (AP)—Little was sacred when President Barack Obama tossed out playful but pointed jokes Saturday night—not even his own health care plan.

"We rolled out healthcare.gov. That could have gone better," Obama said in remarks at the annual White House Correspondents' Association dinner. "In 2008 my slogan was 'Yes we can.' In 2013 my slogan was 'Control-alt-delete.'"

One the plus side, the president said, "they did turn the launch of healthcare.gov into one of the year's biggest movies." On a screen flashed the poster for "Frozen."

When a video Obama introduced failed to play properly, he asked, "Does anybody know how to fix this?" To laughter, Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius stepped up and said: "I got this. I see it all the time." In the wake of the problems with the website, Sebelius has announced she is stepping down.

The annual dinner has become a tradition in the nation's capital, promising a black-tie evening of humor and celebrity gazing. The event once again attracted an array of journalists, government officials, politicians and media personalities as the association raised money for college scholarships. The featured entertainer was comic actor Joel McHale, the star of the NBC series "Community."

In his own stand-up routine, Obama didn't waste any time turning his barbed jokes toward the news media.

"MSNBC is here," he said. "They're a little overwhelmed. They've never seen an audience this big before."

Obama

Noting that he had traveled to Asia recently, Obama said: "The lengths we have to go to to get CNN coverage these days. I think they're still searching for their table."

The president saved his sharpest jabs for another cable news network. "The Koch brothers bought a table here tonight, but as usual they used a shadowy right-wing organization as a front. Hello, Fox News!"

He added: "Let's face it, Fox. You'll miss me when I'm gone. It will be harder to convince the American people that Hillary was born in Kenya."

Republicans didn't escape untouched. "Washington seems more dysfunctional than ever," Obama said. "Gridlock has gotten so bad in this town you have to wonder: What'd we do to piss off Chris Christie so bad?"

The correspondents' association, which represents the White House press corps, celebrated its 100th anniversary.

Journalists were honored for their coverage of the presidency and national issues:

■ Glenn Thrush of Politico and Brianna Keilar of CNN won the Aldo Beckman Award, which recognizes excellence in the coverage of the presidency.

■ Peter Baker of The New York Times and Peter Maer of CBS News won the Merriman Smith Award for deadline coverage.

■ Megan Twohey of Reuters and a partnership between The Center for Public Integrity's Chris Hamby and ABC News' Matthew Mosk and Brian Ross won the Edgar A. Poe Award for coverage of issues of national significance.

Fox says Naya Rivera to remain on 'Glee'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Naya Rivera is still a Gleek.

"There is no truth to the rumor Naya has been fired from the show," the Fox network noted in a statement released to The Associated Press Saturday night, which concluded, "She remains under contract to `Glee.'"

Rivera plays Santana Lopez, a lesbian glee club member, on the popular musical drama.

Before "Glee" actress Lea Michele arrived Saturday morning at the premiere of her latest film, the animated "Legends of Oz: Dorothy's Return," a publicist for Michele said her client would not comment on co-star Rivera, the subject of numerous rumors and reports over the last week.

But Michele did reveal "Glee" had its fifth-season wrap party Friday night.

It's been a difficult year for the series' cast and crew, in the wake of the July 2013 overdose death of actor Cory Monteith, who had been romantically linked to Michele.

"I have to say I owe so much to the cast of `Glee,'" Michele said. "Loss is a horrendous thing, and if it wasn't for their constant support, and, every day going to work and knowing that I had this safety net underneath me, has gotten me to where I am right now. So, I'm beyond grateful for `Glee.'"

The show's fifth-season finale is set to air stateside May 20. Show co-creator Ryan Murphy has said the series' sixth season will be its last.

AP

This Dec. 11, 2013, file photo shows Naya Rivera arriving at the 22nd Annual Women in Entertainment Breakfast at the Beverly Hills Hotel in Beverly Hills, Calif. Rivera is still a Gleek.

'Orange Is the New Black' wins GLAAD Media Award

NEW YORK (AP)—GLAAD celebrates "Orange Is the New Black."

The Netflix show set in a women's prison was named outstanding comedy series at the 25th annual GLAAD Media Awards' New York ceremony.

Cast members—including Laverne Cox, who won her own GLAAD honor at the organization's Los Angeles awards ceremony last month—accepted the award Saturday at the Waldorf Astoria hotel.

George Takei received the Vito Russo award, presented to an openly gay media professional for promoting equality for the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community.

Other winners Saturday included the films "Concussion" and "Philomena" and Oprah Winfrey's interview with openly gay professional basketball player Jason Collins.

The GLAAD Media Awards recognize fair, accurate and inclusive representation in media of the LGBT community and the issues that affect their lives.

British princes go to Graceland, wedding on trip

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (AP)—British royals Prince William and Prince Harry toured the home of the King—Elvis, that is—and then went to a friend's wedding on Saturday during their trip to Tennessee.

Their visit inspired dozens of fans, paparazzi and news media to patiently wait hours outside the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club for the chance to see royalty. Instead, they saw police and several black sport utility vehicles pull into the club.

For 15-year-old Danny Harp, that was enough. Just being within feet of a future king was like a dream come true, he said.

"Absolutely blown away. I feel like I waited three years since the wedding to see this in person," said Harp, referring to Prince William and Kate Middleton's ceremony.

Harp drove about 200 miles from Nashville with his mother and a friend. They waited for the royals for about five hours as he held a small England flag and magazines with Princess Diana and the royal wedding on them.

"I thought I'd rather be here and not see anything than be at home and feel like I missed something," he said.

He did get to see the bride, Lizzy Wilson, drive up in a 1950s-style turquoise Cadillac. Wilson is the granddaughter of the late Holiday Inn founder Kemmons Wilson. She married London night club owner Guy Pelly.

Denise Horton Glidewell, a valet working the event, said everything was going smoothly. She has worked events with former President George Bush and Vice President Dick Cheney, but this was her first brush with royalty.

"It's exciting. It's a great perk for Memphis," she said. "We've known the Wilson family for many many years and this has been a lovely event. I'm glad it all went smoothly."

Stars line red carpet for Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Former figure skater Johnny Weir's feathery white hat rose high above his head as he walked the red carpet at Churchill Downs, bringing his flair for fashion to the Kentucky Derby.

Weir, who made a fashion splash as a network host at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, joined dozens of athletes, musicians and actors getting the paparazzi treatment at the track's annual celebrity event Saturday afternoon.

Musicians Miranda Lambert, Bon Jovi's Richie Sambora and Cheryl "Salt" James from Salt-N-Pepa made appearances, along with former NBA star Scottie Pippen, the NFL's Ndamukong Suh and retired baseball player Ken Griffey Jr.

Actress Angela Bassett, Louisville basketball coach Rick Pitino and Marlon and Jackie Jackson from the Jackson 5 also strolled down the red carpet.

Beach bully kicks sand in friend's vacation plans

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: For the last few years my family has rented the same beach condo. My friend "John" and his family have joined us there on many occasions. When I asked him his vacation plans for this year, he informed me last night that he has rented the beach condo for the same weeks we have historically occupied it.

I was floored. I think a more appropriate approach would have been for him to have called me first and expressed his interest in renting it, but he should not have rented the unit if it conflicted with our vacation plans. I understand the free marketplace—first-come, first-served—but I can't help feeling he undercut me.

CONFUSED IN A TENT AT THE BEACH

DEAR CONFUSED: Your feeling is 100 percent accurate. That weasel DID undercut you, and real friends don't act that way. Now that you know what he's capable of, contact the landlord and make a long-term deal in advance if you want that unit in the future.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a lonely 83-year-old woman. All I want is someone to love me, preferably a handsome, wealthy man who will spoil me. I have spent my entire life making other people happy, and now all I want is some happiness back. I mean, can't an older woman get some loving, too?

I have been told I'm charming. I have the laugh of an angel, a full head of blond/gray hair and a slim figure. I would like a man (preferably in his elderly years) who is lonely and needs some company. And also someone who wants to spend his savings on me. Abby, help me find my soul mate.

WAITING FOR "GOT-DOUGH"

DEAR WAITING: Why do I suspect this letter may have been written by a group of sorority sisters after a few drinks? However, just in case it's actually on the level, your "want ad" has now been viewed by millions of Dear Abby readers worldwide, and I'm sure we will hear from many applicants who are eager to be "The One." Let's hope none of them write from "Scam-dinavia."

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DEAR ABBY: My daughter-in-law is having a baby. My mother and I told her we would have a shower for her. She registered at a local store for baby gifts, let us start planning the shower, and then informed us that she would not be opening gifts at the party. My son has sided with her. He said he didn't know her reason, but felt like it was no big deal.

Why would she act that way? We think it's peculiar. The shower has now been canceled at her request.

MYSTIFIED IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR MYSTIFIED: Your daughter-in-law may have been trying to be considerate of any guests—possibly members of her family—whose gifts might not have been as expensive as those purchased or crafted by other guests. Or she may have felt self-conscious about being the center of attention.

While I agree that one of the pleasures of attending a shower is seeing the expression of joy on the mother-to-be's face as the presents are unwrapped, look at it this way: Because the shower is canceled, your problem is solved. Now forget about it.

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Pastimes

Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

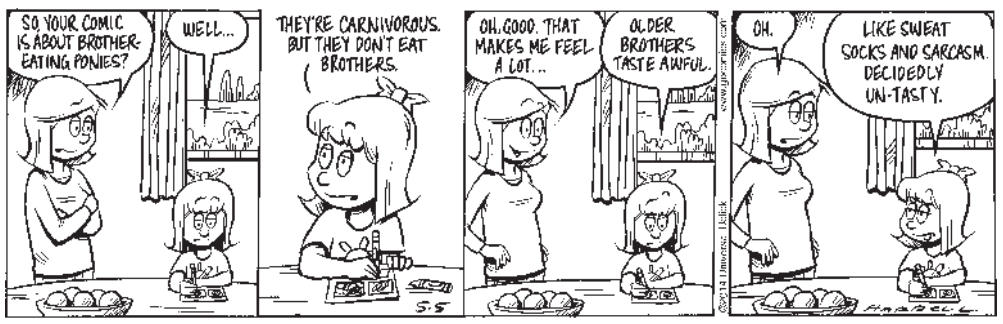
WOW! NOBODY IS ON THE SWINGS! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT!
HA HA! I ALMOST NEVER GET A SWING AT RECESS!
THIS IS GREAT!
NO ONE IS TELLING ME TO HURRY UP!
HIGHER! HIGHER!
WHEE!
..EITHER THIS IS MY LUCKY DAY, OR I MISSED THE END-OF-RECESS BELL AGAIN.

Garfield®

By Jim Davis

Adam@home

By Bryan Basset


SO, YOUR COMIC IS ABOUT BROTHER-EATING PONIES?
WELL...
THEY'RE CARNIVOROUS. BUT THEY DON'T EAT BROTHERS.
OH, GOOD. THAT MAKES ME FEEL A LOT...
OLDER BROTHERS TASTE AWFUL.
OH.
LIKE SWEAT SOCKS AND SARCASM. DECIDEDLY UN-TASTY.

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy

CLICK CLICK CLICKITY CLICK
WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?
FIVE REDNECK REALITY SHOWS SIMULTANEOUSLY.
I CALL IT "BUCKWILD SWAMPY HANDFISHIN' MOONSHINING LADY HOGGERS."

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS
1 Rolling stone's lack
5 Snapshot
8 Cushions
12 Listed separately on a menu
14 Burn aid
15 African country
16 Dimension
17 Pinch
18 Sampled
20 Relocated
23 Donate
24 Tarzan's clique
25 Metaphor for the JFK administration
28 Hatrack piece
29 Gondolier, e.g.
30 Feathery neckwear
32 Paparazzis' gear
34 Locate
35 Scull supply
36 Iron
37 Mix-up
40 Six, in Sicily
41 Jai —
42 Greenhouse shrub
47 Reach by phone
48 Spewing hatred online
49 Leg joint
50 Droop
51 Lily variety

DOWN
1 PC alternative
2 Suffix with "pay"?
3 America's Uncle
4 Segments of an act
5 Item on stage
6 Judge Lance
7 Franc fractions
8 Large amount
9 Came down
10 Nap
11 Start a garden
13 Sahara-like
19 State with confidence
20 Treasure guide
21 Oil cartel acronym
22 Brightest star in Lyra
23 Festive affairs
25 Takes care of typos
26 Theater award
27 Oodles
29 Ring out
31 Billboards
33 Alexander Calder creation
34 Bells and whistles
36 Rind
37 Playing card
38 — Bator
39 Guy
40 Urban blight
43 Coach Parseghian
44 Whopper
45 Gerund suffix
46 Past

Solution time: 27 mins.

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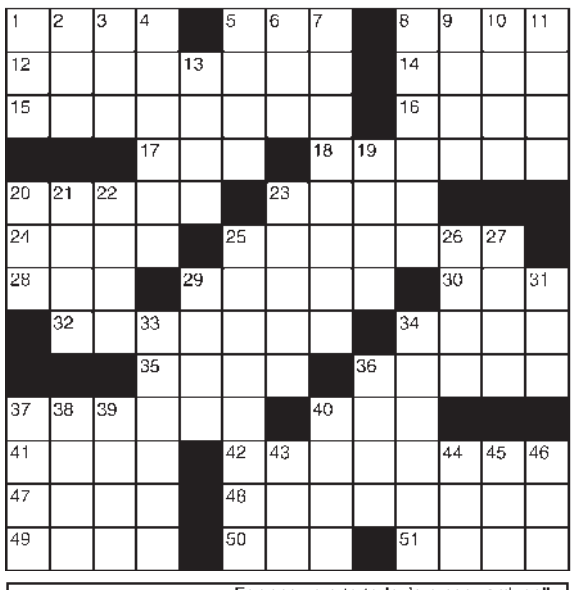
Friday's answer 5-5



STUMPED? For answers to today's crossword, call **1-900-226-5955**! 99¢ per minute, touch-tone/rotary phones. (18+ only.) A King Features service, NYC.

CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DAY: Chris Brown, 25; Adele, 26; Henry Cavill, 31; Danielle Fishel, 33

Happy Birthday: Speak up and take over this year at group or organizational meetings. Make friends with influential people, and you will get ahead quicker. Make love and romance a priority by showing compassion and taking the time to listen and share with the people who mean the most to you. Make this a year to remember. Your numbers are 2, 10, 13, 25, 28, 36, 42.

ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Don't let an argument with a friend, lover or colleague develop into something that is irreversible. Put emotions aside and take on a physical or mental challenge that will help ease stress. Focus on the positive. ✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): You will find out interesting facts from a friend or a neighbor. The information might not be directed at you, but you will benefit if you apply it to your situation. Personal and domestic alterations will turn out favorably. ✪✪✪✪

GEMINI (*May 21-June 20*): Look for any vocational opportunity that seems interesting. The time is right to delve into something that allows you to use your imagination and originality. Moneymaking propositions are apparent. Invest in your future. Ask experts for advice. Love is on the rise. ✪✪✪

CANCER (*June 21-July 22*): Sharing your thoughts and feelings can be liberating and can help you weed out any acquaintances who are bringing you down or holding you back. Let your intuition guide you to make the right choices. Be a leader, not a follower. ✪✪✪

LEO (*July 23-Aug. 22*): Take action, make personal alterations or visit places or people that will motivate or inspire you to make a move. Change should be welcomed and considered an indicator to follow through with plans that can help you reach your chosen goals. ✪✪✪

VIRGO (*Aug. 23-Sept. 22*): Engage in neighborly activities. Find out what everyone is up to and contribute your own suggestions. You'll make new friends and improve your local environment. Collect or pay off outstanding debts. A favor will be granted, but find out what's expected in return before accepting. ✪✪✪

LIBRA (*Sept. 23-Oct. 22*): You may feel like doing things differently or making an impulsive move, but you are best to wait and see what transpires around you first. Instability will force you to make changes to your plans. ✪✪✪✪

SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Knowledge is key, so delve into research mode and absorb all you can. Don't let an emotional issue that crops up slow you down. You are best to let go of your past sorrows and focus on your future. ✪✪

SAGITTARIUS (*Nov. 22-Dec. 21*): Take better care of yourself. Focus on home, family and adding more comfort and joy to your relationships and your surroundings. A financial deal looks favorable and can help you raise your standard of living. Romance is highlighted. ✪✪✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): Stay in the background, where you can be an observer. The less said, the easier it will be to avoid trouble. Steer clear of anyone acting unpredictable or unreasonable. Do your best to secure your home, family and your important relationships. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Let your creativity shine through in all that you pursue. Making professional changes may be daunting at first, but if you do your best, you will overcome any minor obstacles. Spontaneity coupled with good decisions will buy you time and positive recognition. ✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Spice up your looks and your life. A prosperous venture is apparent and should be considered. Contracts can be formulated and signed and a commitment made in both personal and professional pursuits. Aggressive action will bring good results. ✪✪✪✪✪

Birthday Baby: You are intellectual, caring and determined. You are supportive and honorable.

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

2	6			4		7		
1					5			
	4			7		5		6
	2	6			3		4	
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Difficulty Level ★ 5/05

Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Conceptis Sudoku increases from Monday to Saturday.

Last Friday's SUDOKU Answer

5	8	3	7	1	2	9	4	6
2	9	7	8	6	4	1	5	3
1	4	6	3	5	9	2	8	7
9	3	1	4	7	6	8	2	5
6	5	8	9	2	1	3	7	4
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3	6	5	2	8	7	4	1	9
7	2	4	1	9	3	5	6	8
8	1	9	6	4	5	7	3	2

Difficulty Level ★★★★ 5/02

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WONDERWORD®

By DAVID OUELLET

HOW TO PLAY: All the words listed below appear in the puzzle — horizontally, vertically, diagonally, even backward. Find them and **CIRCLE THEIR LETTERS ONLY. DO NOT CIRCLE THE WORD.** The leftover letters spell the Wonderword.

WHAT NUTRITON MEANS Solution: 10 letters

G	M	P	F	C	V	G	R	E	E	N	S	T	A	F
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T	S	E	V	I	T	C	A	R	S	N	F	N	L	N
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Last Friday's Answer: Coconut

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WHATZIT Solution: Slipped disc

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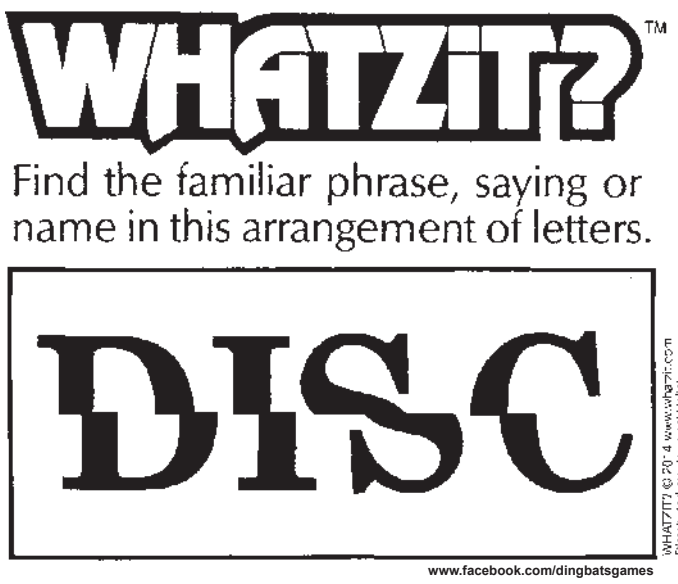

Find today's solution in classified section

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

(1) MASTER RUM DISTILLER
Must have 2 to 4 year experience, must be knowledgeable in the field of rum spirit distilling, including but not limited to , operating a column still, operating a batch still, fermentation methodology for rum mashing, aging and flavoring of both silver and aged rum. Must be able to drive, manual transmission and able to communicate (write and speak) in English. Salary $7.95 -$10.95 per hour.

(1)ASSISTANCE RUM DISTILLER
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(1) MASTER RICE WINE FERMENTER
Must have 2 to 4 year experience, must be knowledgeable in the field rice wine fermentation. Able to make its own rice yeast blocks for the fermentation process. Able to produce both traditional rice wine and flavored rice wine. Must be able to drive, manual transmission and able to communicate (write and speak) in English. Salary $7.95 -$10.95 per hour.

Qualified US applicant can email resume to ric@pacificdistiller.com or mail to Pacific Distiller P.O. Box 502429 CK, Saipan MP 96950.

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Attorney for Petitioners.

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

In re the Guardianship of AMBERLYNN DIRRAKLEI KAZUO a minor female child

By: BENJAMIN JOHN HOCHHALTER, HEATHER DUNKLEY HOCHHALTER, and JEAN KAZUO, Petitioners.

Civil Action No. 14-0200

NOTICE OF HEARING AND ORDER ON GUARDIANSHIP PETITION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a hearing on Petitioners Benjamin John Hochhalter's (Proposed Guardian), Heather Dunkley Hochhalter's (Proposed Guardian), and Jean Kazuo's (Mother) Verified Petition to Appoint General Guardians (filed April 29, 2014) to appoint Petitioners Benjamin John Hochhalter and Heather Dunkley Hochhalter as general guardians of Amberlyn Diraklei Kazuo, a minor female child, is hereby set for **Thursday, May 22, 2014, at 10:00 AM** at the CNMI Superior Court, Susupe, Saipan, Courtroom 205. A copy of the Verified Petition to Appoint General Guardians (filed April 29, 2014) is available for review upon request from the Clerk of Court.

FURTHER, PETITIONERS ARE HEREBY ORDERED TO: (1) personally serve or serve by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, this notice on all known living parents, grandparents and adult siblings of the minor child; (2) post this notice and order at the courthouse for a period of ten (10) days prior to the above-noticed hearing; and (3) publish this notice and order once before the above-noticed hearing in a newspaper of general circulation in the Commonwealth.

SO NOTICED AND ORDER this 1st day of May, 2014.

KENNETH A. GOVENDO
Associate Judge, CNMI Superior Court

IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Augustin Tudela Castro, Petitioner, vs. Xuhong Xu Castro, Respondent,

) FCD-DI
) CIVIL ACTION
) NO. 14-0145
) **SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy of which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 502680 Saipan MP, 96950 as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 500307 Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or Mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

DATED, this 3rd day of April, 2014:

/s/Clerk of Court

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- **(4) Cook**
(minimum of 2 yearsexperience, knowledge in Chinese Cuisine, flexible work hours/schedule)
- **(1) Dance Instructor**
(with 2 years experience)

Closing Date: May 9, 2014
Please mail resume to P. O. Box 502351, Saipan, MP 96950

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(1) TRAVEL AGENT
with 2 years experience
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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, Plaintiff, vs. NICOLAS M. MENDIOLA, Defendant.

) **Civil Action No. 13-0015**
) **NOTICE OF AUCTION and JUDICIAL SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above titled action on the 31st day of July, 2013, by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, to satisfy the amount found and adjudged due Plaintiff in the above titled action from Defendant, as prescribed in the Order Approving Judicial Sale of Mortgage Property, the undersigned counsel or his designee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the **12th day of June, 2014 at 10 a.m.**, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, the premises and real estate, lying and being on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, described in said judgment, to wit:

Lot No. 345 R 40, situated in Sinapalo I, Rota, as shown in the Division of Lands and Surveys Official Cadastral Plat Number 345 R 02 dated December 19, 1983, on file in said office, said land containing an area of 950 square meters more or less.

Terms and Conditions of Sale.

1. **Rights and duties of Auctioneer.** Consistent with the custom and usage and applicable laws of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands governing auction sales with reserve, the auctioneer or his designee shall have the following rights and duties in conducting the auction sale:
a) withdraw the property listed for sale in the public announcement before sale or before a bid for such property is accepted.
b) to adjourn the sale without notice at any time before any specific property is sold, without incurring any liability whatsoever thereby; and
c) to reject any and all bids.

2. **Bids.** Tentative bids may be submitted in advance for any and all of the property listed in the notice. Such bids shall not be bind ing, except that the highest of such bids will automatically be considered the opening bid for the property. Bids may be entered in person, in writing, or by telephone to Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950, Phone: 670-234-7859; Fax: 670-234-5749; Email: rttlaw@pticom.com.

3. **Deposit and Payment.** A deposit of ten percent (10%) of the purchase price must be paid on the day of the auction sale. The remaining balance will be due within ten days of the auction sale. All payments must be made by cash, cashier's check, or money order. Failure to make payment of the remaining balance within ten days will result in forfeiture by the buyer of the 10% deposit, and any and all of the buyer's rights, title and interest in any of the property will revert to Bank of Guam.

4. **Change of Terms.** Auctioneer and Bank of Guam reserve the right to change any of the terms of conduct and enforcement of sale by announcement, written or oral, made before the auction sale or at the commencement thereof, and such change or changes, by virtue of this clause shall be binding on any buyer by constructive notice.

5. **Inspection and No Warranty.** Bidders are cautioned to inspect the title and property. Contact the Law Office of Robert T. Torres for scheduled viewing and inspection times. The interests of the property are being sold "AS IS" and without warranty. Failure to inspect the real property will not constitute a ground for any claim, adjustment or rescission by any buyer.

DATED this 24th day of April, 2014.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

EMPLOYMENT

(1)Accountant. B.S. Accounting Graduate. 3-5 years experience in Accounting field. Must have working knowledge on Accounting Softwares. $5.55/hour. Email resume to landmark@pticom.com

(1) Jewelry Appraiser. Must have 4 to 5 years experience in jewelry appraisal, honest and trustworthy.

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Warehouse #3 - Size: 4,000sq/ft
$0.65 per sq/ft. Negotiable
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- minimum of 5 yrs experience, must be able to perform the duties of a farmer in accordance w/ the instruction of the employer & other duties as directed.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

A meeting of the Commonwealth Lottery Commission will be held on Thursday, May 8th at 1:30 pm. In the Governor's Conference Room 1st Floor Juan Sablan Memorial Building, Capitol Hill, Saipan. The following is the proposed agenda.

I. Meeting Called to Order
II. Determination of Quorum
III. Public Comment
IV. Executive Session
V. Resumption of Public Session
VI. Report on Any Actions of Executive Session
VI. Consultant Contract
VIII. Adjournment

For further information, please contact the Lottery Commission at 664-2375.

Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-019

Opening Date: Friday, April 11, 2014
Closing Date: Friday, May 30, 2014

Deputy Executive Director

The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation ("CUC") is seeking for a qualified Deputy Executive Director ("DED"). CUC is a public utility corporation located on the island of Saipan in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands ("CNMI")—a United States territory in the northwestern Pacific Ocean.

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RESPONSIBILITIES AND OPPORTUNITY OFFERED:
Reporting directly to CUC's Executive Director or designee, the Deputy Executive Director ("DED") fills a position required by the Stipulated Order ("SO") of the United States of America vs. the Commonwealth Utilities Corporation and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, filed in the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands, Civil Case No. CV 08-0051.

- Primarily responsible for overseeing, all drinking water and wastewater operations and compliance activities and deliverables, on a daily basis, as required by the Stipulated Order. Responsible for maintaining regular contact with EPA staff regarding CWA and SDWA compliance issues. Has authority to make decisions for management and operations of the drinking water and wastewater systems.
- Supervises staff to include: prioritizing and assigning work; conducting performance evaluations; ensuring staff is trained; and, making hiring, termination, and disciplinary recommendations.
- Provides staff assistance to the Executive Director to include: coordinating activities between CUC and outside organizations and agencies; researching and preparing recommendations on operational directives; and, preparing and presenting staff reports.
- Assumes full management responsibility over divisions as delegated by the Executive Director. Plans, directs and coordinates work of divisions through department heads by meeting with management to identify, prioritize and resolve problems.
- Directs and implements maintenance plans; evaluates maintenance programs to ensure maintenance standards are enforced.
- Participates on a variety of boards and committees and attends a wide variety of management meetings.
- Serves as the Executive Director when the Executive Director is out of the CNMI.
- Performs short and long-range strategic planning.
- Other duties of a similar nature or level as assigned or required.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS:
Successful candidates for CUC's Deputy Executive Director must have the following:

- Master's degree in management, engineering, finance or public administration, "OR", in the alternative, a bachelor's degree in engineering "and" registration as a Professional Engineer pursuant to the National Council of Engineering Examiners standards in either the civil, mechanical, or electrical branch. [With your cover letter or resume, please provide a copy or verification of your education and/or registration.]
- Senior management experience of at least ten (10) years desired in similar wastewater and drinking water utility (combined utility is preferred), with similar or greater capital and operating budgets, capital improvement projects, human resources needs, utility financing issues, operation and maintenance training, and implementation needs. [With your cover letter or resume, please provide information supporting your professional background and work assignments showing senior management experience. Please cite duration, responsibility level, duties, position, and other relevant experience substantiating senior management experience.]
- A Water and Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator's Certificate is desired, but not mandatory.
- Must demonstrate: Proven management and communications skills; Demonstrated ability to lead, motivate, and develop staff; Experience with managing major water and wastewater systems during periods of planning, design, and construction; Experience with water and wastewater systems, user fee system development, bond funding, staff training and development, and federal drinking water and wastewater requirements.
- Experience with user fee system development and bond funding is desired, but not mandatory.
- Knowledge of: Leadership principles; Supervisory principles; Strategic planning principles; Budgetary principles; Project management principles; Applicable laws, rules and regulations.
- Skill in: Monitoring and evaluating staff; Prioritizing and assigning work to staff; Preparing and administering budgets; Developing and administering strategic plans; Managing large, complex projects; Giving presentations; Preparing technical reports; Using computers and related software applications; Communication, interpersonal skills as applied to interaction with coworkers, supervisor, the general public, etc. sufficient to exchange or convey information and to receive work direction.
- A CNMI driver's license or one from another U.S. jurisdiction is required.

SALARY INFORMATION: Based on credentials and specialized experience as a water and wastewater utility senior manager (executive) in a U.S. state, U.S. territory, U.S. commonwealth, and/or the District of Columbia.

POSITION: One (1).

CONTRACT: Two-year; subject to renewal.

RELOCATION EXPENSES: If hired from outside the CNMI, relocation expenses are negotiable; but they are not to exceed $10,000.00 for moving to Saipan and not to exceed $5,000.00 for moving away from Saipan. Receipts will be required for justification. Other conditions may be applicable.

SUBMISSION PROCESS: Applicants of JVA No. 13-006 and JVA No. 13-052 are considered as part of this JVA No. 14-019. These applicants are welcome to contact Human Resources to confirm such inclusion and/or to update their submission. For new applicants, please submit (1) a cover letter, (2) a resume, (3) a list of references, and (4) a CUC Employment Application by one of the following means:

1. United States Postal Service, First Class Mail or Priority Mail*:
   Human Resource Office
   Commonwealth Utilities Corporation
   P. O. Box 501220
   Saipan, MP 96950-1220 USA
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2. Fax: 670-235-5131
3. Drop Off: Drop off your package at the CUC Human Resource Office located on the 3rd Floor of the Joeten Dandan Building on Saipan. Otherwise, you may drop it off at the CUC Tinian or Rota Administration Office.

POLICIES: The Commonwealth Utilities Corporation is an equal opportunity provider and employer and will not discriminate or tolerate discrimination against any employee or applicant in any manner prohibited by law.

It is also the policy of CUC to achieve a drug-free workplace and persons selected for employment will be required to pass a drug test which screens for illegal drug use prior to final appointment.

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Commonwealth Utilities Corporation

JOB VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT

JVA No. 14-023 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Assistant Engineer
(Mechanical)

Duties: Under the direct supervision of the Senior Engineer or his/her designee. Assists in the designs, executes, coordinates, and oversees assigned pieces of projects to ensure adherence with applicable specifications and standards. Assists the public with a variety of inquiries and requests; provides technical information on projects. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION(S): Rota, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
SALARY: $ 23,200.00 per annum - $ 32,574.00 per annum.
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.
POSITION(S): One (1).

Minimum Requirements: Bachelor's Degree in Mechanical Engineering. Knowledge of: Safe work practices; Applicable Federal, State, and/or Local laws, rules, and regulations; Basic project management principles; Mathematical concepts; Engineering principles and practices. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-024 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Senior Engineering Technician

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the Chief Engineer for the Water and Wastewater Division or his/her designee. Uses advanced technical computer applications to support engineering functions of the Division. Compiles As-Built drawings and expertly incorporates the data into existing composite system drawings. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION:
- Main Office at Joeten Dandan; Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
- Sadog Tasi Offices of Water and Wastewater; Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
- Fieldwork on Saipan and temporary projects on Tinian and Rota also possible, but the primary place of work will be at the CUC main office, which is currently located at the Joeten Dandan building.

SALARY: $19,425.00 to $26,789.50 per annum; un-graded, un-classified.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: Associate Degree in Construction Management or Engineering Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, or Civil Engineering. Three years of senior engineering technician experience. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-025 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Trades Foreperson
(Mechanic)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the division manager for Power Generation or his/her designee. Serves as a foreperson, leading a team of workers - assigning and monitoring work and providing technical direction. Trouble shooting and Problem Solving. Plans work and prepares daily schedules and submits for approval. Responsible for teams output and productivity. Performs inspections and monitors subordinates work. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION: Power Generation on Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY: $21,104 to $30,601.00 per annum.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma or General Education Diploma or Adult Basic Education. Four years of journey-level experience in the area assigned (in this case, Mechanic), including one year of experience leading a crew. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-026 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Trades Technician
(Machinist)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the division manager for Power Generation or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Install new plant and equipment. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION : Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA.
(If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: One (1).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case machinist. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-027 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Trades Technician
(Welder)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the division manager for Power Generation or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Install new plant and equipment. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. (If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Two (2).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case welder. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-028 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Trades Technician
(Electrician)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the division manager for Power Generation or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Install new plant and equipment. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. (If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY: $17,282.00 to $25,059.00 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Four (4).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case electrical. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-029 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Trades Technician
(Mechanic)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the division manager for Power Generation or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. (If needed, there may periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY: $17,282 to $25,059 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Four (4).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible, proven experience in the trade—in this case mechanic. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

JVA No. 14-030 — **Opening Date: Friday, May 02, 2014** / **Closing Date: Thursday, May 08, 2014**

Trades Technician
(Operator)

DUTIES: Under the general supervision of the division manager for Power Generation or his/her designee. Provides direction to Trades Assistants to include assigning and monitoring tasks and providing direction. Performs journey level operations, maintenance and/or repairs in the service area assigned. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

LOCATION: Power Generation, Saipan, Northern Mariana Islands, USA. (If needed, there may be periodic assignment to other divisions of CUC and/or other islands.)
SALARY: $17,282.00 to $25,059.00 per annum; un-classified; un-graded.
POSITIONS: Three (3).
CONTRACT: Not Contracted.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS: High School Diploma, General Education Diploma, or Adult Basic Education and four years of increasingly responsible and proven experience in the trade—in this case operator. Please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

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Clippers hold off Warriors 126-121 to win Game 7

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The Los Angeles Clippers persevered through seven exhausting playoff games over two distressing weeks, and they emerged from all the tumult with their championship dreams intact.

Blake Griffin scored 24 points, Chris Paul had 22 points and 14 assists, and the Clippers outlasted the Golden State Warriors 126-121 in Game 7 on Saturday night to win their thrilling first-round playoff series.

Jamal Crawford scored 22 points for the third-seeded Clippers, who earned the franchise's third playoff series win in 38 years after overcoming a daunting stretch of challenges. Less than a week after dumping their team warmup jerseys at center court in a pregame gesture of defiance against team owner Donald Sterling, the Clippers celebrated a cathartic win.

"I just thought, with all this stuff, this team just needed this win," Clippers coach Doc Rivers said. "This was a hard week. It feels like two months. We just needed to be able to smile and laugh and cheer. I was very proud of my players."

Sterling was banned for life from the NBA on Tuesday after a recording of racist comments by the 80-year-old billionaire was made public last week. The Clippers endured sleepless nights, constant public scrutiny and a failed attempt to close out the series in Game 6 before they finally hung on to beat Golden State.

At the final buzzer, Rivers high-fived fans and team employees while the Clippers shared joyous hugs in front of a raucous crowd.

Sterling's long-estranged wife, Rochelle, also cheered and clapped from the back of the lower bowl of Staples Center as Los Angeles advanced to a matchup with the Oklahoma City Thunder, who eliminated Memphis earlier Saturday. The Clippers' second-round series opener is Monday night in Oklahoma City.

"It just showed our will, our fight," said Paul, who is struggling with a strained hamstring. "More so than going through (the distractions), it was about getting through tonight."

Stephen Curry had 33 points and nine assists, but Golden State blew a late lead in Game 7. Draymond Green scored 24 points for the Warriors, who lost their first Game 7 since 1977 and failed to advance in consecutive postseasons for the first time since that same year.

"It's disappointing, but we battled and we competed," Golden State coach Mark Jackson said. "And we took a team that had everyone (healthy) to Game 7."

An exhausting series ended with one last well-played game between the California powers, who traded the lead throughout the second half. Los Angeles couldn't seize control of the first home Game 7 in franchise history until the final minutes—and the Clippers did it with Lob City.

Griffin put the Clippers ahead for good by muscling home a layup with 2:11 left, and DeAndre Jordan blocked Curry's layup attempt to set up a fast break, leading to J.J. Redick's lob to Griffin for a thunderous slam.

Jordan added a dunk on an offensive rebound, and Griffin spun in the air and threw home a layup while getting fouled with 56 seconds left for a 116-111 lead.

Curry hit three free throws with 30 seconds left, and Green hit a 3-pointer to trim the lead to 120-118. But Redick hit two more free throws to essentially ice it.

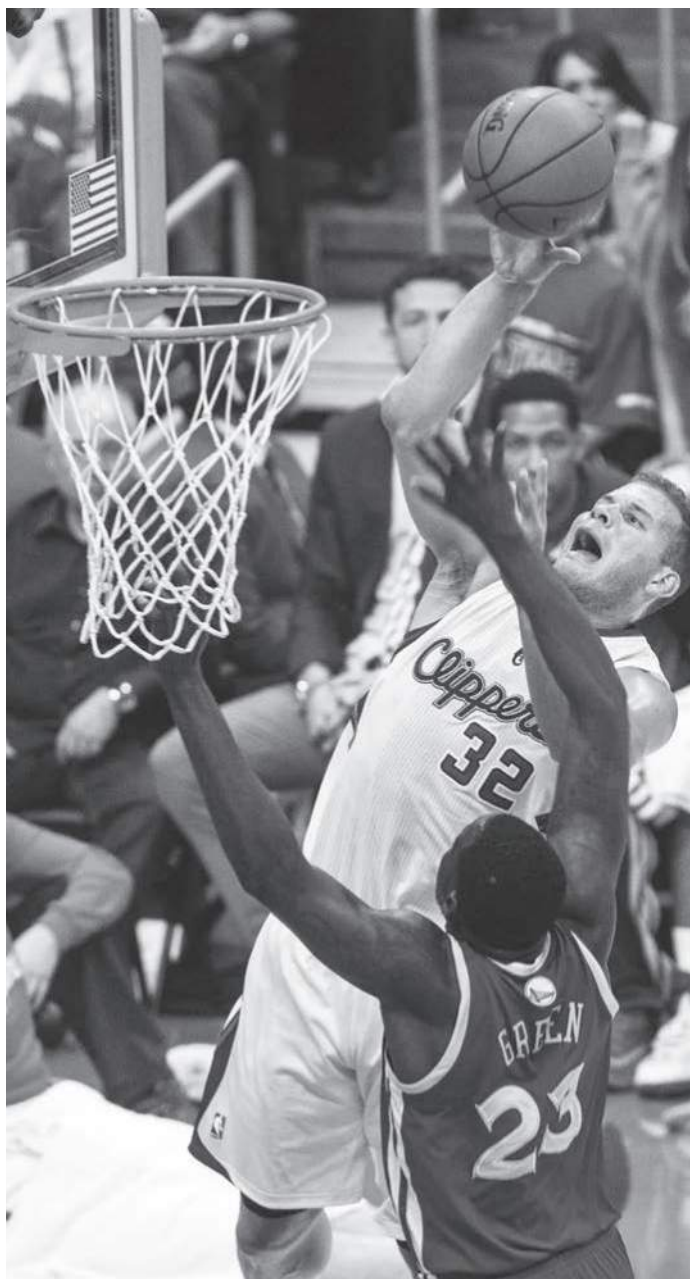
Redick scored 20 points for the Clippers, and Jordan had 15 points and 18 rebounds in a stellar low-post performance for the two-time Pacific Division champions.

Klay Thompson managed just 15 points for the Warriors, failing to make a shot in the fourth quarter. Curry had just three field goals in the second half.

"I thought it was a hard-fought series that everyone in the organization should be proud of," Jackson said. "We all went through it. The statements that were made were made to all of us. ... We did a good job handling what could go down as the toughest moment in league history, as far as what we had to go through."

The game could have been the last for Jackson, who might be on shaky ground with Warriors ownership despite presiding over the long-struggling franchise's best two-year stretch in two decades.

"I don't get caught up in it," Jackson said. "I'm totally confident, and I have total faith that I'm going to be fine."



AP

Los Angeles Clippers forward Blake Griffin (32) goes up against Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green (23) during the first half of Game 7 of a first-round NBA basketball playoff series, Saturday, May 3, 2014, in Los Angeles.

After more than a week of nonstop drama and excitement, the Clippers and Staples Center returned to a semblance of normalcy to start Game 7. The players wore white socks again after protesting with black socks earlier in the series, while most sponsors' banners were uncovered in the arena bowl after the major advertiser walkout in the wake of Sterling's comments.

But with a healthy contingent of gold-clad fans in a sea of red T-shirts, Golden State took a 64-56 halftime lead with stellar outside shooting.

Thunder 120, Grizzlies 109

In Oklahoma City, Kevin Durant got back to playing like he's used to against a Memphis team that had to change things up at the worst possible time.

Durant scored 33 points, Russell Westbrook had a triple-double, and the Oklahoma City Thunder beat the Grizzlies in Game 7 of their first-round Western Conference playoff series.

Durant looked like his usual self after struggling against Memphis' rugged defense for much of the series. The regular-season scoring champion made 12 of 18 field goals and all five of his 3-pointers after struggling from long range throughout the series. With top scorer Zach Randolph suspended, the Grizzlies shook things up and traded their grind-it-out style for Oklahoma City's faster pace.

It worked for a while, but eventually, the explosive Thunder were just too much.

Randolph was punished for punching Thunder center Steven Adams in the jaw late in Game 6, forcing Memphis coach Dave Joerger to make changes. Guards Tony Allen and Mike Miller started for the first time in the series in place of Randolph and Tayshaun Prince. The Grizzlies led by 11 points in the first half before the Thunder overwhelmed them and shot 66 percent after the break.

Westbrook had 27 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds. His assist total tied the franchise record for a playoff game set in 1987 by Nate McMillan when the team was still in Seattle. It was Westbrook's second triple-double in the past three games. He made 10 of 16 shots from the field, both of his 3-pointers and five of his six free throws.

Marc Gasol led Memphis with 24 points, and he made 10 of 11 free throws.

Point guard Mike Conley had 20 points and nine assists while playing with a strained right hamstring. He wasn't sure how much court time he would get, but he fought through the pain to play 36 minutes.

Pacers 92, Hawks 80

In Indianapolis, Indiana salvaged its season Saturday by reverting to form: its first-half form.

Paul George scored a career playoff-high 30 points, Lance Stephenson added 19 and Roy Hibbert finally came up big against the more nimble Atlanta Hawks as the Pacers survived a first-round scare with a victory in the decisive seventh game.

Two days after staving off elimination in Atlanta, the top-seeded Pacers did it again and advanced to a second-round series against Washington that starts Monday in Indiana.

"We know what we want to get to and we know what our journey is," George said.

Though they have a quick turnaround, at least the Pacers get a brief respite from the problems and distractions that lingered during the series.

Indiana, the NBA's best home team during the regular season, twice gave away home-court advantage by losing Games 1 and 5. Those losses sparked public debate about what needed to change in the offseason and whether coach Frank Vogel would even return if the Pacers became the sixth No. 1 seed to lose in the first round since the league went to its current 16-team playoff format.

Kyle Korver led the Hawks with 19 points and Jeff Teague had 16. Paul Millsap added 15 points and 17 rebounds—not enough for Atlanta to become the team with the fewest regular-season wins (38) to reach the second round since Detroit's 36-win team in 1976.

NBA to appoint CEO to supervise Clippers

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The NBA said Saturday it will appoint a chief executive officer to supervise the Los Angeles Clippers' operations after banning owner Donald Sterling from the league for life.

The league announced its decision a few hours before the Clippers faced the Golden State Warriors in Game 7 of their first-round playoff series.

On Tuesday, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver banned Sterling for racist comments made on an audio recording, fined him $2.5 million and urged league owners to force him to sell the team.

"The best way to ensure the stability of the team during this difficult situation is to move quickly and install a CEO to oversee the Clippers organization," Mike Bass, the NBA executive vice president of communications, said in a statement. "The process of identifying that individual is underway."

The decision was welcomed by Sterling's long-estranged wife, Rochelle, who said she was fully committed to making the Clippers the best team in the NBA.

"I spoke with Commissioner Adam Silver this week to tell him that I fully supported his recent swift and decisive action," said Rochelle Sterling, who was expected to attend Game 7.

"We also agreed at that time that, as a next step, both the league and the team should work together to find some fresh, accomplished executive leadership for the Clippers. I welcome his active involvement in the search for a person of the utmost character, proven excellence and a commitment to promoting equality and inclusiveness."

A forced sale would require approval of three-fourths of the league's owners. The NBA's 10-member finance/advisory committee held a conference call Thursday, agreeing to move forward quickly on the potential sale.

Sterling hasn't said whether he will fight the league in court.

Clippers President Andy Roeser has been the franchise's most prominent executive in recent years, but Roeser upset many team employees last weekend when he released a statement questioning whether the incriminating recordings of Sterling were legitimate. Roeser's statement seemed too sympathetic to Sterling for many outraged employees, with apologetic words about the 80-year-old owner alongside criticism of V. Stiviano, the other voice on the recordings.

Clippers coach Doc Rivers spent Friday morning speaking with upset employees who felt further betrayed by Roeser's statement. Rivers also serves as the Clippers' senior vice president of basketball operations.

Rivers wasn't fazed by the timing of the league's latest decision shortly before the Clippers' biggest game of the season.

"We've got to talk about everything else, so let's talk about that, too," Rivers said. "The NBA has to do their job, they really do. They have a lot on their plate as well, and I don't think it's something they can wait on. They're going to do their job."

Rivers said he hadn't yet been consulted by the league on the specifics of its CEO search, although he is in regular contact with Silver.

Teixiera backs Tanaka as Yankees beat Rays, 9-3

NEW YORK (AP)—Masahiro Tanaka extended his regular-season unbeaten streak to 40 starts, and Mark Teixeira homered and drove in three runs to help the Yankees rally past the Tampa Bay Rays 9-3 Saturday and end a season-high, three-game losing streak.

Tanaka (4-0) gave up solo homers to Desmond Jennings and Wil Myers around an RBI single by Ryan Hanigan, falling behind 3-0 by the fourth. He is 32-0 in the regular season for Japan's Rakuten Golden Eagles and the Yankees since losing to Seibu on Aug. 19, 2012.

Kelly Johnson hit a tiebreaking solo homer in the sixth off Josh Lueke (0-2).

Jake Odorizzi retired the first nine Yankees in order, then allowed New York to go 4 for 8 with two walks before he was removed.

Red Sox 6, Athletics 3

In Boston, Jon Lester (3-4) struck out a career-high 15, allowing one hit over eight scoreless innings—Craig Gentry's leadoff bloop single in the third over the head of second baseman Dustin Pedroia.

Jonny Gomes hit a grand slam in the first off Tommy Milone (0-3), and David Ortiz and David Ross added solo homers in Boston's second straight win after losing a day-night doubleheader to Tampa Bay.

After Oakland scored three runs in the ninth against Chris Capuano, helped by two errors, Koji Uehara got out of a one-out, two-on jam for his seventh save.

Twins 6, Orioles 1

In Minneapolis, Joe Mauer and Brian Dozier homered, Kevin Correia earned his first win of the season and Minnesota ended its four-game losing streak.

Mauer had three hits and four RBIs, including a three-run homer off Brad Brach in the seventh that broke open the game. Dozier's eighth homer, a solo shot off Wei-Yin Chen (3-2) in the third, gave the Twins the lead for good.

Correia (1-3) gave up one run and five hits in seven innings, retiring 13 of his final 14 batters. He had been 0-6 in nine starts since winning at Texas on Sept. 1.

Mariners 9, Astros 8

In Houston, Justin Smoak hit a two-run homer off Raul Valdes that capped an eight-run seventh inning that built a 9-2 lead.

Dallas Keuchel (2-2) left after walking the first three batters of the seventh, and Jose Cisneros forced in the run that made it 2-2 when he walked Mike Zunino. Michael Saunders followed with a two-run double.

Hisashi Iwakuma (1-0) made his first appearance after starting the season on the disabled list because of a sprained middle finger and allowed four runs and six hits in 6 2-3 innings. Fernando Rodney pitched 1 1-3 innings for his seventh save.

Indians 2, White Sox 0

In Cleveland, Justin Masterson (1-1) held the AL's highest-scoring offense in check, allowing four hits and striking out six in 7 1-3 innings to win for the first time in nine starts since Aug. 21. John Axford pitched the ninth for his ninth save, sending Chicago to its fourth straight loss.

Chicago rookie first baseman Jose Abreu, who leads the majors in homers and RBIs, fielded Lonnie Chisenhall's sixth-inning grounder and, unable to get the ball out of his mitt, flipped the glove about 10 feet to pitcher Scott Carroll (1-1) covering the bag for the out.

Cleveland center fielder Michael Bourn left in the fourth because of tightness in his left hamstring. Indians designated hitter Jason Giambi came out in the sixth with a cramp in his right calf.

Errors by third baseman Marcus Semien and catcher Tyler Flowers made both runs unearned.

Tigers 9, Royals 2

In Kansas City, Mo., Drew Smyly (2-1) picked up where fellow Tigers starter Rick Porcello left off, allowing two hits in seven shutout innings.

Joba Chamberlain hrew a perfect eighth and Phil Coke allowed two runs in the ninth.

Nick Castellanos drove in three runs the Tigers, the first off spot starter Danny Duffy (1-2) and two more off the bullpen. Torri Hunter hit a three-run homer in a six-run ninth as Detroit beat Kansas City for the fifth straight time.

Angels 5, Rangers 3

In Anaheim, Calif., C.J. Cron hit an RBI single on the first pitch he saw in the major leagues, doubled his second time up and hit a tiebreaking RBI single in the sixth inning to lead the Angels to a victory over the Rangers.

Howie Kendrick capped his first four-hit game of the season with an RBI double in the ninth and scored two runs. Right-hander Garrett Richards (3-0) allowed three runs and nine hits over six innings with two walks and a career-high nine strikeouts after three straight no-decisions.

Kendrick doubled with two outs in the sixth against reliever Shawn Tolleson (0-1) and scored the go-ahead run when Cron lined a 1-1 pitch to left. Joe Smith followed Fernando Salas and Ernesto Frieri out of the Angels' bullpen and got three outs for his third save in as many chances since replacing Frieri in the closer's role.

Giants 3, Braves 1

In Atlanta, Brandon Belt, Buster Posey and Michael Morse led off innings with home runs, and the streaking San Francisco Giants beat the slumping Atlanta Braves in a matchup of first-place teams.

The NL West-leading Giants have won four straight and eight of nine. The Braves, who lead the NL East, have lost five straight for the first time since May 21-28, 2012.

San Francisco had only four hits but has homered in 10 straight games, a feat it previously accomplished from Sept. 23-Oct. 3, 2010.

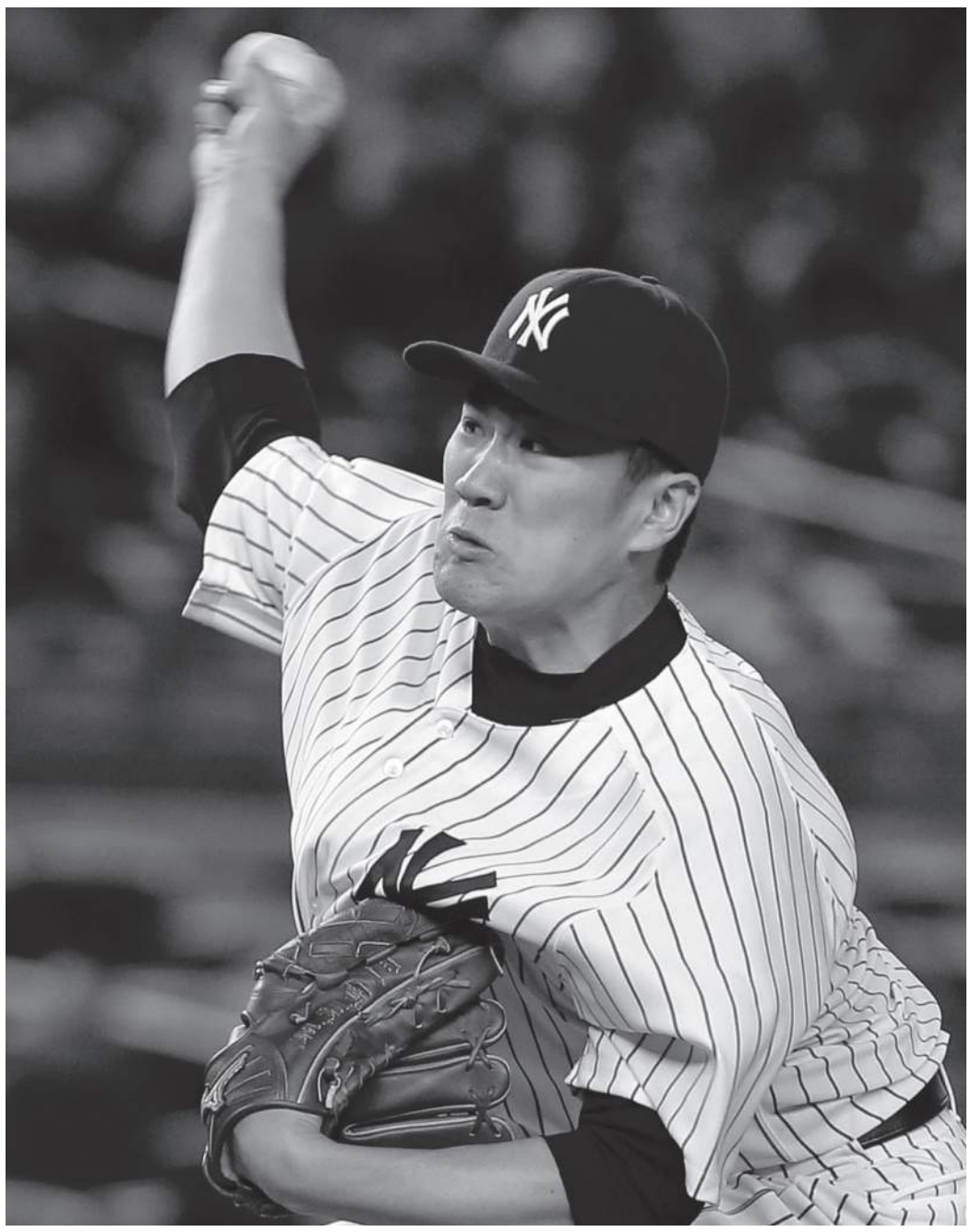
Ryan Vogelsong (1-1) allowed one run, five hits and four walks in six innings, and Sergio Romo pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save. Julio Teheran (2-2) gave up just four hits with no walks in seven innings, but allowed a season-high three runs.

Pirates 8, Blue Jays 6

In Pittsburgh, Neil Walker hit a tiebreaking, two-run double in the eighth against Todd Redmond (0-3), capping a comeback from a 5-0 deficit.

A night after wasting a 5-3, ninth-inning lead in a 6-5 loss, Toronto led 6-2 in the seventh but the the Pirates tied the score against Aaron Loup on Josh Harrison's RBI double, Pedro Alvarez's run-scoring groundout and pinch-hitter Jordy Mercer's two-run double.

Bryan Morris (3-0) pitched a perfect eighth, and Mark Melancon earned his first save of the season in place of injured closer Jason Grilli, retiring Colby Ramus on a game-ending groundout with two on. Pittsburgh, which overcame four errors, won consecutive games for the first time since beating St. Louis and the Chicago Cubs on April 6 and 8.



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New York Yankees starting pitcher Masahiro Tanaka throws in the second inning of a baseball game against the Los Angeles Angels at Yankee Stadium, Sunday, April 27, 2014, in New York.

Phillies 7, Nationals 2

In Philadelphia, Ryan Howard and Cody Asche homered, and A.J. Burnett (2-1) allowed one run and three hits in six innings.

Jimmy Rollins had four hits and Marlon Byrd doubled and drove in a pair of runs for Philadelphia, which won for just the third time in 11 games against the Nationals.

Adam LaRoche and Zach Walters homered for Washington.

Tanner Roark (2-1) had the poorest start of his two-year big league career, allowing seven runs and seven hits in four-plus innings.

Reds 6, Brewers 2

In Cincinatti, Johnny Cueto (3-2) gave up three hits over eight innings, including solo homers by by Aramis Ramirez and Mark Reynolds, and singled in a run. Cueto, who walked one and struck out 10, is the first Reds pitcher to throw at least seven innings in each of his first seven starts in a season since Bucky Walters in 1944

Yovani Gallardo (2-1) gave up four runs and nine hits in six innings.

Ryan Ludwick singled home a run, and Brayan Pena drove in two more with a single in a three-run fourth.

Cubs 3, Cardinals 0

In Chicago, Jake Arrieta struck out seven and allowed four hits over 5 1-3 innings in his season debut, helping the Cubs to their first three-game winning streak this season.

Arrieta, slowed by shoulder stiffness this spring, walked two and threw 82 pitches.

Chicago's bullpen finished a seven-hitter. Brian Schlitter (1-0) got two outs for the win, and Hector Rondon worked around a pair of leadoff singles in the ninth for his third save.

Junior Lake hit a two-run homer and Anthony Rizzo had a solo shot for the Cubs, who hadn't won three straight a series sweep at San Francisco last July 26-28.

Michael Wacha (2-3) allowed two runs, five hits and three walks in six innings.

Diamondbacks 4, Padres 3

In San Diego, Brandon McCarthy threw seven superb innings and Alfredo Marte drove in two runs as the Diamondbacks survived a ninth-inning rally for a win over the Padres.

The Diamondbacks handed San Diego its fourth straight loss as the major-leagues' worst offensive team avoided its third shutout in four game with three runs in the ninth.

McCarthy (1-5), who tied his career high with his fifth straight loss in his last start, gave up three hits, including two doubles to Seth Smith, and allowed just one runner to reach third base. He struck out six and walked one.

The Diamondbacks, who came into the game with the majors' highest ERA at 5.03, had their scoreless innings string snapped at 24 innings when J.J. Putz allowed a one-out single to Smith and an RBI double to Yasmani Grandal.

Addison Reed then surrendered Jedd Gyroko's two-run homer.

Dodgers 9, Marlins 7

In Miami, pinch-hitter Carl Crawford hit a two-run homer in the 11th inning, and the Dodgers escaped several late-inning jams to beat the Marlins.

The Marlins lost even though they tied a franchise record at Marlins Park with three home runs. They erased a 7-2 sixth-inning deficit but left the bases loaded in the eighth and ninth, and left two on in the 10th.

Yasiel Puig hit a three-run homer and Dee Gordon had a career-high five hits for the Dodgers.

Gordon drove in two runs, scored twice and stole three bases to increase his total to 19, most in the majors. He's 8 for 11 in the series to hike his average to .357.

Juan Uribe walked to start the 11th against Carlos Marmol (0-2), and with one out Crawford hit his first homer. Manager Don Mattingly held Crawford out of the starting lineup because he was hitting .185.

Rockies 11, Mets 10

In Denver, pinch-hitter Charlie Culberson hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning off Kyle Farnsworth, and the Rockies, down by six runs early, rallied again to beat the Mets in a wild affair.

The Mets had weathered an eight-run fifth inning by Colorado, that included Nolan Arenado's grand slam, and took a 10-9 lead on Juan Lagares' RBI single in the ninth inning off LaTroy Hawkins (1-0).

But Troy Tulowitzki, who recorded his 1,000th career hit earlier, singled off Farnsworth (0-2) to start the bottom of the ninth. He advanced to second on a deep flyout by Arenado, and Culberson followed with a drive that cleared the center field wall.

The crowd erupted as he rounded the bases. As he neared the plate, he tossed his helmet and jumped onto home plate as he was mobbed by his teammates.

Floyd Mayweather Jr. wins a tough fight

LAS VEGAS (AP)—It might have been the toughest $32 million Floyd Mayweather Jr. ever made.

Marcos Maidana did everything Saturday night but beat Mayweather, taking him 12 tough rounds before losing a majority decision.

Mayweather remained unbeaten, but not by much. Maidana swarmed all over him from the opening bell and gave him perhaps his toughest fight in a 16-year professional career.

Cut over his eye and temporarily blinded by a head butt in the fourth round, Mayweather had to rally in the last half of the fight to avoid losing for the first time since he was beaten on a controversial decision in the 1996 Olympics.

In the end, though, Mayweather got the win—just as he did in his previous 45 fights in a decision that was met with disbelief by Maidana and booed heavily by the crowd. He retained his welterweight title by winning 117-111 on one scorecard and 116-112 on another. A third judge had it even at 114-114.

The Associated Press scored it for Mayweather 115-113.

Maidana threw far more punches, but Mayweather was more accurate with his as the two battled into the late rounds with the fight still very much in doubt. Cheered on by a large contingent of Argentine fans, Maidana took the fight to Mayweather, who was cut by the right eye in the fourth round by an accidental head butt.

"It was a tough, competitive fight," Mayweather said. "I normally like to go out there and box and move. But he put pressure on me. I wanted to give the fans what they wanted to see so I stood and fought him.

Maidana raised his arms in victory when the final bell sounded, and Mayweather watched pensively from his corner as the scorecards were added up before he was declared the winner.

"I think I won the fight," Maidana said. "He didn't fight like a man."

Punch stats by Compubox showed Mayweather landing 230 of 426 punches to 221 of 858 for Maidana. It was the most punches landed by any fighter against Mayweather in 38 fights where punch stats were compiled.

Maidana had a big lead in the early rounds through his constant aggression. But Mayweather won five of the last seven rounds on two scorecards and six of seven on a third to pull out the win by a narrow margin.

AP

Floyd Mayweather Jr., center, poses with his corner and a champion's belt after his WBC-WBA welterweight title boxing fight against Marcos Maidana Saturday, May 3, 2014, in Las Vegas. Mayweather won the bout by majority decision.

"I couldn't see for two rounds after the head butt," Mayweather said. "After I could see again it didn't both me. That's what champions do, they survive and adjust."

Maidana had said before the fight he was going to treat Mayweather like any other fighter and go right after him. He did just that, bringing the sellout crowd at the MGM Grand hotel to its feet as he landed some big overhand right hands to the top of Mayweather's head.

"He never hurt me with a punch," Maidana said. "He wasn't that tough, I thought I won."

Maidana complained about being forced to fight with gloves he didn't want to use when the two camps engaged in a standoff over gloves at the rules meeting a day earlier.

"If I would have had my gloves I would have knocked him out," Maidana said. "They took away my advantage."

Mayweather, who earned $32 million for the fight, was a 6-1 favorite coming to remain unbeaten. He had picked Maidana as an opponent because Maidana beat Adrien Broner in an upset in December, but he almost made the wrong pick.

Mayweather seemed confused early and unable to adapt to the wild punches thrown by Maidana. It wasn't until the middle rounds that he got into more of a rhythm, hitting Maidana with hooks to the body and right punches to the head.

Still, the fight was in doubt late as Maidana wouldn't quit coming forward. With the crowd on its feet in the final round he tried to land big punches, but Mayweather was able to escape most of them.

Maidana, who was cheered by the crowd as he left the ring, said he wanted a rematch, and both promoter Richard Schaefer and Mayweather said he just might get one after nearly pulling off one of the biggest upsets in recent years.

"If the fans want to see it again, let's do it again," Mayweather said.

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points, 36-20.

Before the breakaway, Eucon was only ahead by 8 at the break, 27-19. The lead ballooned as the Eagles were without a field goal in the first six minutes of the third quarter and was held to 2 points off Karlo De Leon's 2-for-4 performance from the foul line. De Leon went on to put some life to GCA's fading chances for a title defense, scoring 9 more points in the final two minutes of that period to cut the deficit to a manageable number, 30-41.

De Leon continued to carry the cudgels for the Eagles, who sliced Eucon's lead to single digits, 40-49, midway in the fourth. The score remained unchanged as both teams traded misses and errors before a pair of free throws from Yu put the lead back to double figures, 51-40. Yu came off a pick from the wing and got the inbound pass from Tony Li for an alley-oop, faltered on the attempt, but drew a foul from Dong Ha Lee.

After Yu nailed his second charity, the Eagles pushed the ball hard with De Leon on the finishing end, converting an acrobatic shot and drawing a foul from Wayne Li. However, De Leon failed to cash in on the bonus charity and went on to miss three more free throws in the final two minutes of the title game, preventing GCA from mounting its last comeback bid.

Yu, on the other hand, hit 3-for-4 from the 15-foot in the closing minutes, while Tony and Wayne Li added three more free throws to seal it for the Blazers.

Marcus Little coached Eucon in its first title win in the COPSSA league, while joining Yu and Tony and Wayne Li on the champion squad are Michael Zhang, Bobby Ji, Peter Wang, Rafael Wang, Jeremy Perez, Jerry Wang, Glenn Vidal, Zion Alamer, and Ethan Zheng.

Tony and Wayne Li chipped in 10 points apiece to back up Yu in the finals, while De Leon led GCA's losing cause with his 26 markers, failing to get enough help from his teammates. Lee was the second highest scorer for GCA with his 8 points, but most of his points came when the Blazers were already assured of the victory.

Eucon 58 – Yu 27, W. Li 10, T. Li 10, R. Wang 4, Zhang 2, Je. Wang 2, Alamer 1.

GCA 50 – De Leon 26, Lee 8, Hinson 5, Sugue 4, Yu 4, Manglona 3.

Scoring by quarters: 9-11, 27-19, 41-30, 58-50.

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the bottom of the second and the former shut out the latter in the last seven innings.

The Yankees got into the board right at the bottom of the first with leadoff batter Ben Jones making it home off a Mike Iguel miscue at first base, while a sacrifice fly from Pat Alepuyo in the second inning drove Ben Flores home and evened out the count. Another sacrifice fly in the fourth, this time from Greg Iskawa, gave the Yankees the lead and they never looked back, taking the win an inning early after racking up six runs at the bottom of the eighth inning.

A.J. Lizama, Brian Camacho, Flores, and Alepuyo each hit RBI singles in the eighth inning, while the Yankees tucked on two more runs off the Northern Starz's booboos at short stop and second base for the easy win via 10-run mercy rule.

Alepuyo finished Game 1 of the semis series with two RBIs and one run off a 2-for-3 performance at the plate. Lizama also made two RBI's and logged two runs after hitting 3-for-5.

Meanwhile, the second-ranked Brewers and the third-seeded Fielders played Game 1 of their semis showdown last Friday, but results were unavailable at press time, while the Yankees go for a commanding 2-0 lead against the Northern Starz tonight, weather permitting.

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headway in the last three quarters to at least break it into double digits and cut the deficit to a decent number. SIS was held to a free throw in the second period and was scoreless in the third before Hudkins drilled 3 more points in the fourth off another split charity and a short jumper.

While the Lady Geckos bled for points, Mt. Carmel had a steady source of baskets in the last three periods. Karlene Reyes ran away for a couple of fastbreak layups and scored 6 points in the second, while Michelle Kautz also had 6 points, and his twin sister Richelle added a pair of charities for the Lady Knights big 37-4 halftime advantage.

Travilla, who saw limited minutes in the second quarter, started out for the Knights in the second half and added 5 more points in the third period, as Mt. Carmel padded its lead anew against the hapless SIS, 45-4. The Geckos failed to buy a single basket in the third period, as it turned the ball often and pulled up for several airball shots.

SIS continued to look for the elusive basket in the second half and it came midway in the fourth period when Hudkins received an entry pass from Phalai Frink in the paint and hit a short jumper. She also went 1-for-2 from the 15-foot line with the Lady Knights just less than two minutes away from their second straight championship.

Reyes top-scored in Mt. Carmel's title win with her 15 points, while Michelle Kautz and Travilla finished with 14 and 12, respectively. Other members of the champion team are Savanah Delos Santos, Carey Demapan, Amy Taylor, Rica Hirayama, Ya Han, Andrea Bang, and Masami Sato.

The Lady Knights advanced to the finals after beating Eucon International School in the upper bracket semifinals, while the Geckos prevailed against the GCA Lady Eagles in the other Final Four pairing.

MCS 57 – Reyes 15, M. Kautz 14, Travilla 12, Lebria 7, R. Kautz 4, Sato 2, Taylor 2.

SIS 7 – Hudkins 6, S.H. 1.

Scoring by quarters: 23-3, 37-4, 45-4, 57-7.

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MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	16	13	.552	–
Baltimore	15	13	.536	½
Boston	15	16	.484	2
Tampa Bay	14	17	.452	3
Toronto	13	17	.433	3½

Central Division

Detroit	16	9	.640	–
Kansas City	14	15	.483	4
Minnesota	13	15	.464	4½
Chicago	14	17	.452	5
Cleveland	13	17	.433	5½

West Division

Oakland	18	12	.600	–
Texas	16	14	.533	2
Los Angeles	15	14	.517	2½
Seattle	13	15	.464	4
Houston	10	20	.333	8

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	17	12	.586	–
Washington	17	13	.567	½
New York	15	14	.517	2
Miami	15	15	.500	2½
Philadelphia	14	14	.500	2½

Central Division

Milwaukee	21	10	.677	–
St. Louis	15	16	.484	6
Cincinnati	14	16	.467	6½
Pittsburgh	12	18	.400	8½
Chicago	11	17	.393	8½

West Division

San Francisco	19	11	.633	–
Colorado	19	13	.594	1
Los Angeles	18	13	.581	1½
San Diego	13	18	.419	6½
Arizona	11	22	.333	9½

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The Week in Sports

Jets, Enforcers share top honors

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The Jets and JPO Enforcers title wins in the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball topped the list of top stories last week.

The fourth-ranked Jets pulled off an upset over the second-ranked Braves in the Senior League finale, 5-3. The Jets made it to the semifinals last and had to beat two other higher ranked opponents to set a finals date with the Braves. The Jets first ousted the Enforcers, 5-4, to advance to the semifinals where they surprised pennant champions Red Sox, 9-1.

In the Junior League, the JPO Enforcers gave the Comets to chance for an upset with its 8-4 victory in the title game. The pennant winners leaned on pitchers Kier Agda, Virgil Secharmidal, and Ethan Babauta to get the championship trophy against the third-ranked Comets, who marched into the finals after eliminating the second-seeded Falcons.

Meanwhile, other notable events last week was the Pacific Islands Club Hafa Adai 5K Run, the 2014 CNMI Junior Tennis Championships, the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball, and the 2014 QQ Rent A Car Invitational Basketball League.

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Runners head back to Pacific Islands Club covered with colored powder during last week's PIC Hafa Adai 5K Run.

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Mamiko Oshima-Berger is splashed with a blue power on her way to the finish line of the PIC Hafa Adai 5K Run last week.

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The JPO Enforcers' Virgil Secharmidal, center, receives his most strikeouts trophy during the awards ceremony for the Junior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield. Joining him in the photo are SLLB officials Vinnie Sablan, left, Annie Flores, and A.J. Murig, right and Saipan World Resort's Mike Babauta, second left.

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The Jets' Nathan Camacho, left, is greeted by his teammates after catching a fly ball at centerfield during the bottom of the seventh inning of their title game against the Braves in the Senior League division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

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JP World's Juan Camacho goes up for an uncontested layup during the fourth quarter of their game against Island Manpower in the QQ caging last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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Toka's Marvin Rabauliman tries to squeeze into the defense of Blue Haus' Bruce Berline during the third quarter of their game in the QQ caging last week at the Garapan Basketball Court.

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A Braves pitcher catches a throw from home plate during their game against the Ol'Aces in the Major division of the 2014 Saipan Little League Baseball last week at the Miguel "Tan Ge" Basa Pangelinan Ballfield.

Nearly 900 participated in the 5K run that was highlighted by the throwing of colored powder to runners going through the course. Keith Longuski (17:19) and Mamiko Oshima-Berger (19:48) emerged as the top finishers in the men's and women's divisions of the race that started and ended at the northern parking lot of PIC and brought runners to as far as Chalan Kanoa across the Triple J Five Star Wholesale Store.

In the CNMI junior tennis tournament, Thea Minor won her last junior competition on island after beating Mikayla Lopez in the girls U18 singles. Minor also won her six straight championship in the same event.

In the Major division of the SLLB, the Falcons, IT&E, Tanapag Braves, Comets, and Enforcers clinched the first five playoff berths after last week games, while five teams are battling for the last three qualifying spots.

In the QQ caging, Toka snapped Blue Haus' four-game winning streak after eking out an 83-77 victory over the defending champion, while Mobil edged Island Manpower, 80-78.

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Eucon ends GCA's title run

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Eucon International School's Allen Yu drives against Grace Christian Academy's Jun Ho Hong, second right, and Dong Ha Lee, left, while GCA's Billy Hinson looks on during the second quarter of their title game in the COPSSA boys high school caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Eucon International School outclassed Grace Christian Academy, 58-50, to rule the boys high school division of the 2013-2014 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The Blazers, who debuted in the COPSSA caging this season, ended GCA's four-year reign in the division. The Eagles defeated Mount Carmel School in the finals from 2010 to 2013 and boosted their chances for a five-peat after beating the Knights in the semifinals last Thursday, 57-50, before bowing to the Allen Yu-led Eucon.

Yu scored a game-high 27 points, consistently anchoring the Blazers' offense form the first to the final quarter. He ate up the Eagles' defense with penetrations from outside before charging into the paint for several point-blanked shots. The Eucon forward hit most of his field goals in the third quarter, as he canned four baskets and helped the Blazers led by as much as 16

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Back-to-back for Lady Knights

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Mount Carmel School players and their coach Francis San Nicolas flash the No. 1 sign after beating Saipan International School, 57-7, in the finals of the COPSSA girls high school caging last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

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Mount Carmel School defended its girls high school championship in convincing fashion after whipping Saipan International School, 57-7, in the winner-take-all finale in the 2013-2014 Coalition of Private School Sports Association Basketball League last Friday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The finals became predictable right from the very first quarter, as the much experienced and skilled Lady Knights jumped the gun on the Lady Geckos, leading at 23-3. Kaylani Lebria and Jan Travilla teamed up in Mt. Carmel's early assault, scoring 7 markers apiece. They drilled one triple each in the first period and their treys alone were enough to outscore the entire SIS crew, which got its 3 points from Adele Hudkins off a field goal and a split charity.

The Lady Geckos, who were looking to regain the high school crown they held for three straight season 2010-2012 before the Lady Knights stole it after winning over Grace Christian Academy last season, failed to make any

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Yankees draw first blood in SBL semis

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The Saipan Stevedore Yankees opened the semifinal round of the 2014 Saipan Baseball League with a 12-2 win over the Northern Starz last Thursday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.

Mel Sakisat and Dave Camacho pitched for the Yankees in Game 1 of their best-of-five semis series and combined for only six hits and eight strikeouts to help the pennant champions win the opener. Sakisat started out for the Yankees and gave up five hits and one earned run in six innings, while Camacho took over the mound in the last two, allowing only one hit and no runs.

Sakisat gave up an RBI single to Ricardo Dela Cruz at the top of the first inning and the Northern Starz got its second run in that frame off an error from Brian Camacho at left field for a 2-0 advantage. However, the Northern Starz's stay on the driver's seat did not last long, as the Yankees managed to tie the match quickly at

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ROSELYN B. MONROYO
The Yankees' Dave Camacho, seen here in a file photo, was the closer for the pennant champions in their 12-2 win over the Northern Starz in Game 1 of their best-of-five semis series in the 2014 Saipan Baseball League last Thursday night at the Francisco "Tan Ko" Palacios Ballfield.